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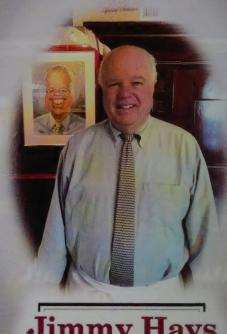
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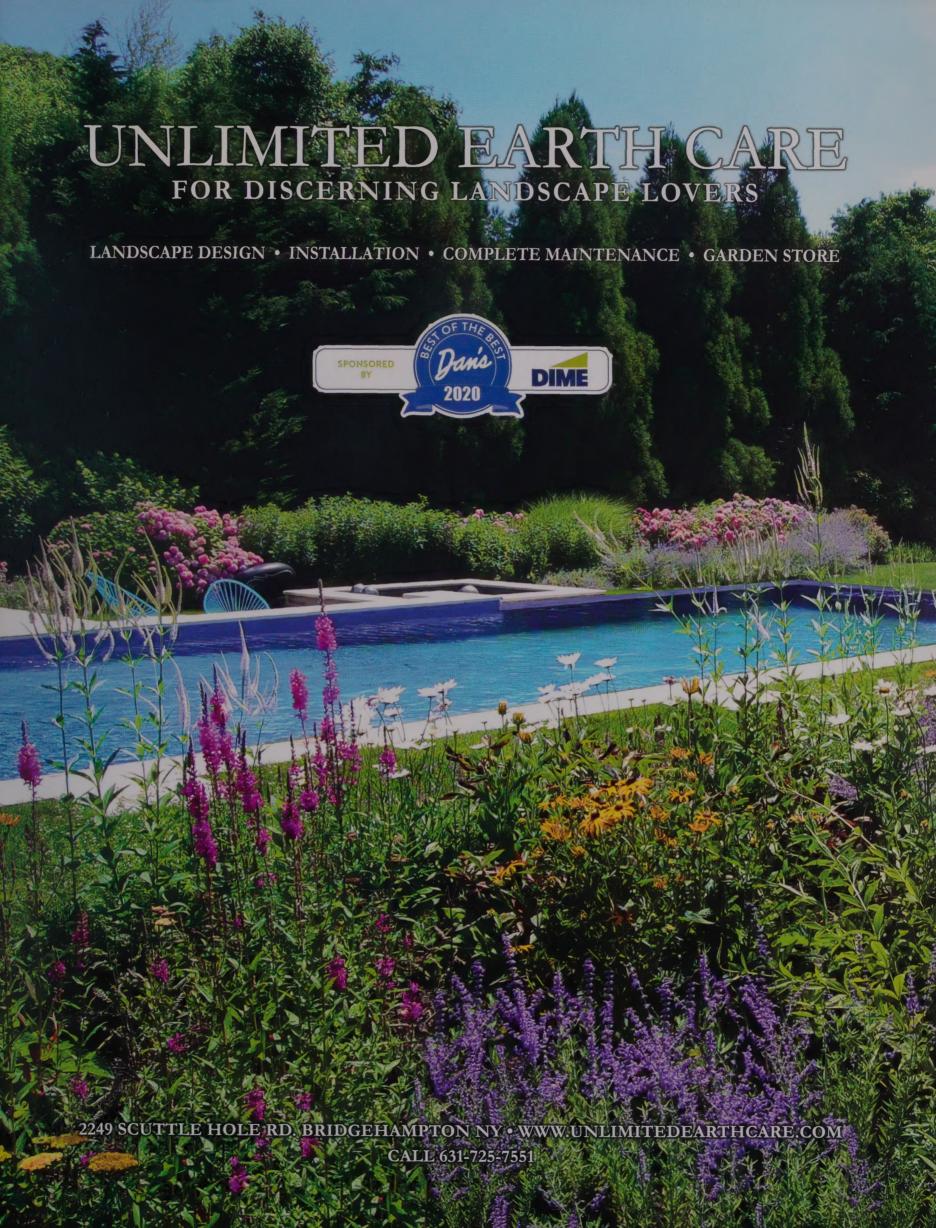
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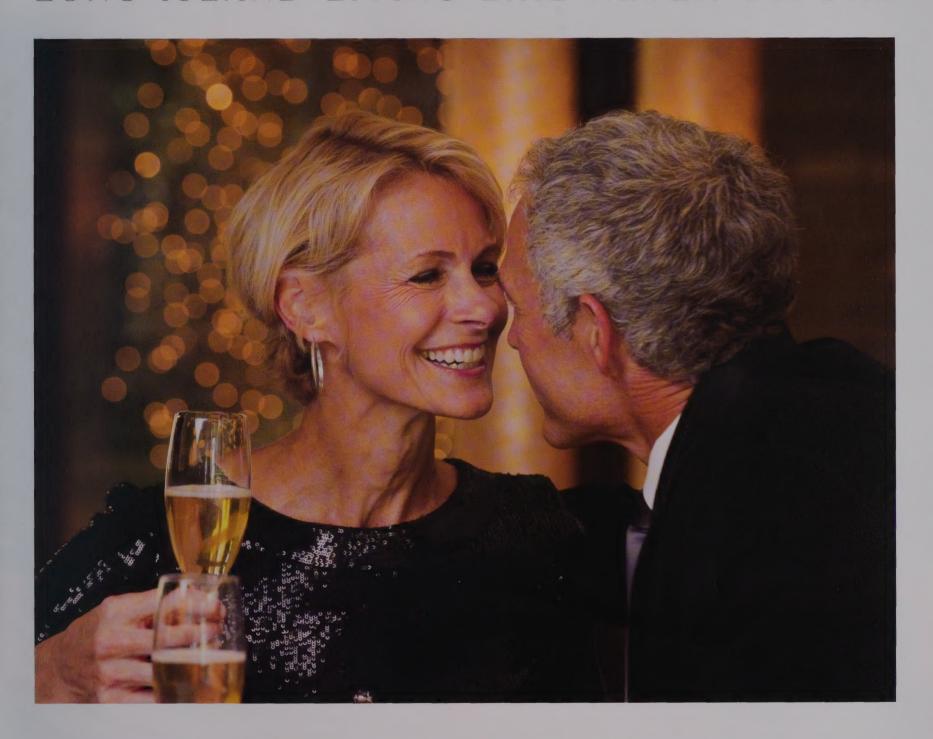


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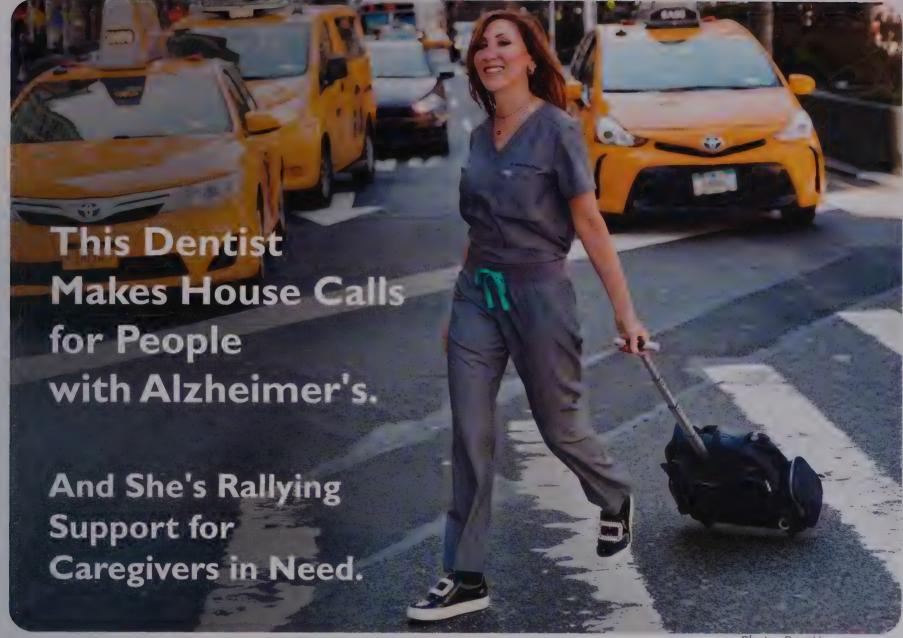


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For people with Alzheimer's or dementia, a dental house call isn't a luxury — it's a necessity.

Dr. Alisa Kauffman, Bridgehampton resident and the CEO and founder of geriatrichousecalldentistry.com, has devoted her entire dental career of

36 years working on the homebound and elderly, most with Alzheimer's disease or some form of dementia.

"Let's face it, a dental appointment is stressful even for the healthiest person," says Dr. Kauffman. "I have all sorts of methods for putting my patients with dementia, and their caregivers, at ease."

### Not only a first-class dentist, she's also a fundraiser...

Because of her commitment to Alzheimer's caregiving, Dr. Kauffman has been selected by CaringKind, the Heart of Alzheimer's Caregiving, as the Chair of their 2021 Alzheimer's Walk. Based in New York City, CaringKind is a nonprofit organization and the leader in Alzheimer's caregiving. Their annual Alzheimer's Walks raise over half a million dollars through two events: one Walk in Coney Island on September 26, and one Walk in Central Park on October 10. The Walk in Central Park will feature Dr. Kauffman, celebrities, musicians, and more.

"Almost everyone will experience caregiving in their lifetime, and many will experience Alzheimer's caregiving," says Dr. Kauffman. "I hope people will

join me by registering for the CaringKind Alzheimer's Walk — together, we can help caregivers through a difficult journey!"

The Walk site can be found at caringkindnyc.org/walk. Or, scan the QR code on this page.

### ...and an author, and an entrepreneur.

Her first book, How to Become a Housecall Dentist, sold out in 3 months during Covid to dentists interested in this unique niche practice. Her latest book, The Tooth and Nothing But the Truth, is a complete guide to improving oral care for the elderly, providing necessary information to professionals and caregivers.



Her newest passion is to help families find other homebound services and products to improve the quality of life for everyone dealing with Alzheimer's disease and other issues causing the elderly to be homebound. Her growing website, CaringAndAble.com, is devoted to finding these unique services and products that many caregivers may not know exist.

Dr. Kauffman is a longtime resident of Bridgehampton and loves spending weekends and holidays with her family and friends enjoying everything the Hamptons has to offer.











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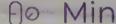
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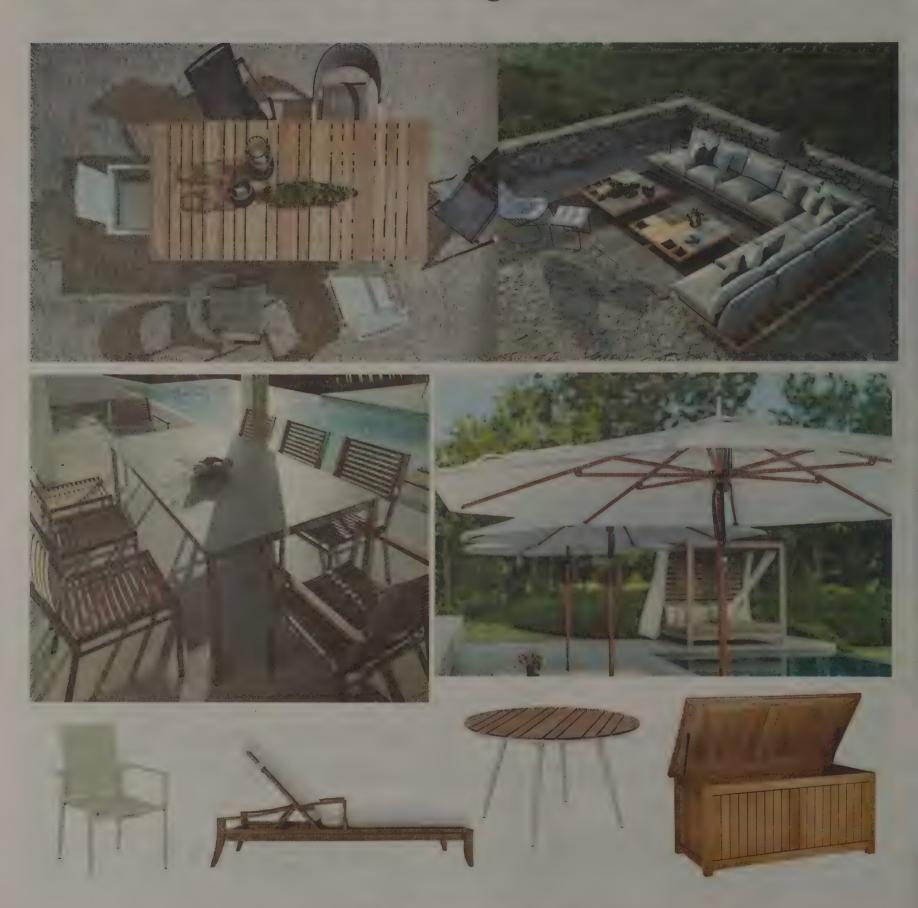
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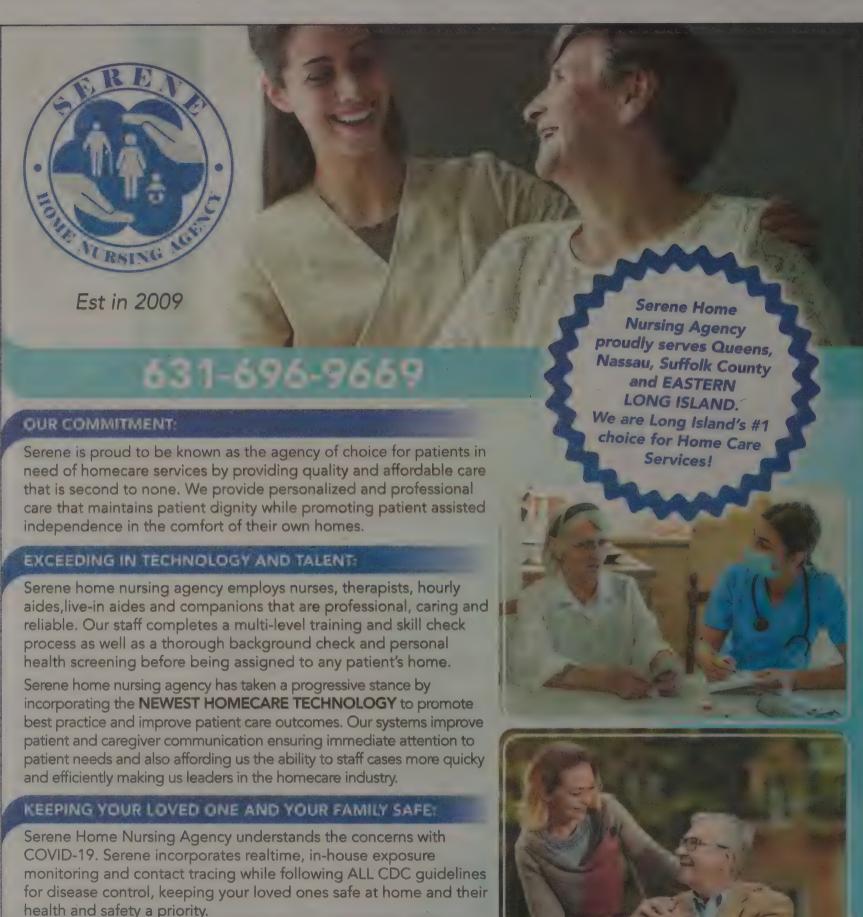
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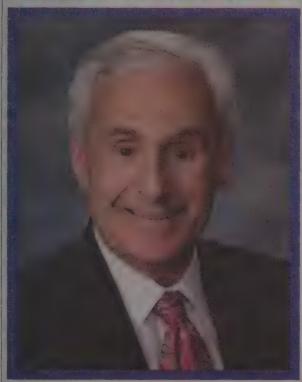
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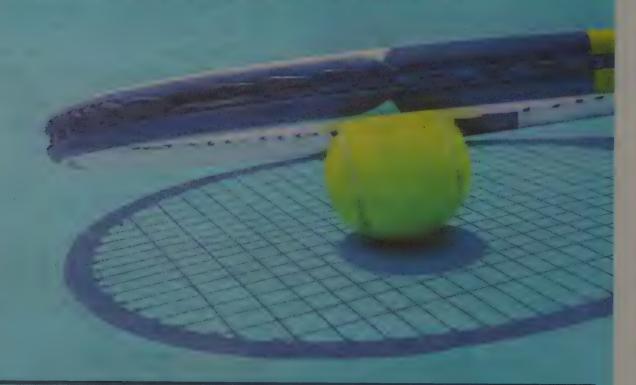
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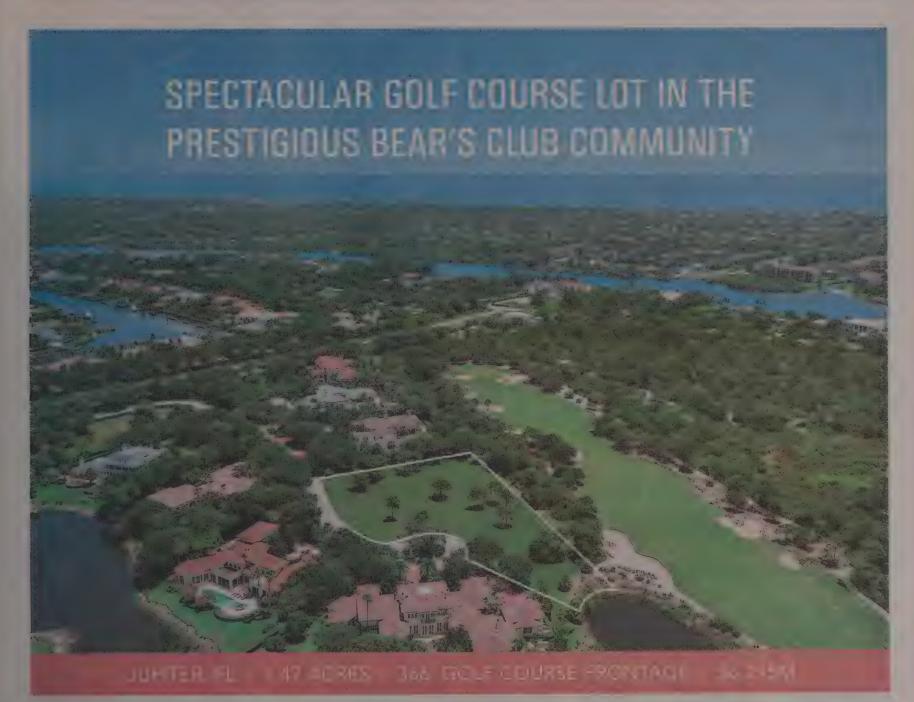
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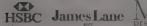




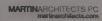








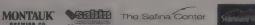




















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As parents, we've been concerned about the impact of video games for a long time. Our concerns have only worsened during this pandemic, as housebound kids spend more time on their electronic devices while we attempt to juggle the chaos that has become our new normal. But what if our child's ability to master video games and become addicted to them could actually show us how well our children learn and

games and become addicted to them could actually show us how well our children learn and how to teach them so they become happy and successful learners?

Take a page from the Game Developer Playbook as a Parent.

Here are the 5 top things game developers do well that parents and educators should do to make sure kids are successful and excited about school. (spoiler alert: It's behavioral science)

1. Kids must master lower levels of the game first before advancing to higher levels. Mastery of each level requires the achievement of fluency – or the ability to accurately perform a task quickly and repeatedly.

Don't move a kid up a level or a grade until they have shown fluency in the lower level skills. No exceptions. Forget about a kid's age or number of years in school. Fluency should be the ONLY determining factor in advancement. Difficulty should increase only after mastery. 2. Kids are given reinforcers for achievements such as earning points, gaining access to new characters, tools or weapons.

It doesn't have to be fancy, expensive or flashy but it has to be earned. Kids respond to screen time, points to turn in for prizes, money for shopping. Let them earn and they will perform happily.

3. Kids must engage in repeated practice of the skills required to become fluent at the game and advance.

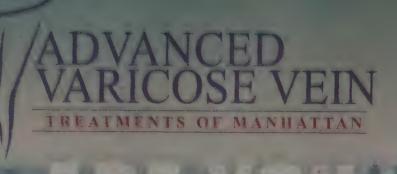
Repeat, repeat and then repeat again until they get it. Each time they get it right, make it a big deal and give them the reinforcer. Repetition can be fun if its met with an earned reinforcer. Just watch the Gamers.

4. Provide learning with high energy and excitement.

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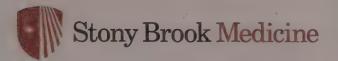
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# SOUTH o' the HIGHWAY

### S NORTH TOO ...





JAY-Z

BY FLO ANTHONY

he bromance continues for Jay-Z and Jack Dorsey. The Twitter/ Square CEO was spotted walking on the beach in the Hamptons on July 1 with the hip hop impresario and his superstar wife Beyoncé, reports former colleagues at Page Six. The usually dressed to the nines Beyoncé kept it casual in a black tee shirt, shorts and sneakers, along with a white face mask. As we previously reported, Dorsey's digital-payments processor Square is in the process of buying majority ownership of Jay-Z's music streaming platform, TIDAL, for nearly \$300 million.

B race yourselves. Rumors are running rampant that Keeping Up with the Kardashians star Scott Disick and his girlfriend, Amelia Hamlin, are heading to the Hamptons this summer. "They are in the process of scouting places," a source close to the reality dad of three and 20-year-old model, who is the daughter of Real Housewives of Beverly Hills cast member Lisa Rinna and actor Harry Hamlin, told E! News. "They are seeing what their options are," the source added.

A s we predicted, the Bennifer lovefest has landed in the Hamptons. On July 3, **Jennifer Lopez** and **Ben**  Affleck were spotted taking a loving walk near the *Hustlers* star's Water Mill estate. According to spy witnesses, the coo-some twosome strolled through the streets with "their arms wrapped around each other."

n June 26, a star-studded group of guests gathered together for a screening of the documentary Summer of Soul (...or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised) in East Hampton. Directed by The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon's musical director, Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson, the evening was presented by Hamptons Film Summer Docs. Celebrities in attendance included Alec and Hilaria Baldwin, John and Justine Leguizamo and Cristina Greeven Cuomo, among others. The evening began with a reception at The Baker House 1650.

G et well wishes go out to Mariska Hargitay. The Law & Order: SVU star posted a photo on her Instagram page of her right ankle wrapped in bandages. "My summer look," she captioned the photo, adding the hashtags #SpecialAnkleUnit, #CrackingTheCase, among others. According to Page Six, the TV police captain tripped on a rainy pavement while

JACK DORSEY



**BEN AFFLECK AND JENNIFER LOPEZ** 

leaving a Cinema Society screening of *Black Widow* in the Hamptons on July 2. She broke her ankle in the fall and was treated at Southampton Hospital, missing the star-studded after-party, hosted at her home in East Hampton.

### We hear ...

ne of Michael Rubi's frequent guests at his \$50 million Bridgehampton home is Lil Baby. The Atlanta rapper told a source that the Philadelphia 76ers/New Jersey Devils/Fanatics owner's home looks like "the Google headquarters."

B ecoming Dr. Ruth, the hit play that just finished its run at Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor, will be moving to the Jewish Heritage Museum in Manhattan in November. Tony and Emmy award-winning actress Tovah Feldshuh portrays the re-

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TIM MALONE AND DON LEMON

markable on-air sex therapist onstage.

YNN Tonight host Don Lemon and fiancé Tim Malone hosted a Pride barbecue at their Sag Harbor home on June 27. Guests were treated to ice cream from a Mister Softee truck as well as delicious meats from Center Cuts. Guests included his CNN colleague Chris Cuomo and his wife, Cristina, and their youngest daughter, Carolina, and Brooke Shields.

C ocial media Influencer Hannah Bronfman and husband Brendan Fallis recently hosted an exquisite dinner party at their beautiful home in Amagansett.

ortress Hedge Fund President Mike Novogratz hosted a brunch on June 27 at his Amagansett estate. Guests included Goldman Sachs' Ashok Varadhan and music executive Jason Flom.

t's a Hamptons physician explosion! Mark Kot, MD, Howard Sklarek, MD and Jeffrey Russell, Chief of Respiratory Therapy, received the top front line COVID Fighters Awards by the Hamptons Health Society. Meanwhile, local doctors Kenneth Mark, MD, Cosmetic Dermatologist, John Anton, MD, Plastic Surgeon and Peter Michalos, MD, Associate Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology, Columbia University, were listed in Best Doctors in America.

Sightings ...

Dash and

Conor Kennedy canoodling on a boat ramp in Southampton. Ava is the daughter of Roc a fella Records founder Damon Dash and fashion designer Rachel Roy. The gorgeous model has walked runways for her mother, Ugg and The Teen Project. Conor, who briefly dated Taylor Swift, is the son of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and

Sex and the City's Cynthia Nixon and NYFW designer Jonathan Simkhai celebrating Pride at a dinner for True Colors United in the Hamptons.

a great nephew of former U.S. President

John F. Kennedy.

ctress Anna Lynne McCord and ALewis Alexander at Alice & Olivia's Prom Celebration for Pride at the Parrish Art Museum in Water Mill on June 24, where guests sipped Casamigos Tequila cocktails.

opening of Equinox x Hamptons, their newest boutique location in Bridgehampton. Hamptons and fashion notable, LaQuan Smith, gathered alongside Sailor Brinkley-Cook and Kelly Bensimon for an evening of cocktails and a DJ set by Brendan Fallis to toast Equinox's expansion out east.



**CYNTHIA NIXON** 







## Mitch Draizin and Fritz Brugere-Trelat – 45th Anniversary

The rain didn't dampen the celebration of Mitch Draizin and Fritz Brugere-Trelat's 45 anniversary on June 19th as friends and elected officials gathered at the married couple's stunning Sag Harbor estate to toast their longstanding union. New York State to toast their tongstanding union. New York State Assemblyperson Rebecca Seawright presented 'Mitch & Fritz'—known for their advocacy in supporting numerous causes, non-profits, and LGBTQ+ causes—with a proclamation declaring them "individuals worthy of esteem by the great State of New York."

Photography by Angela LaGreca











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  Jerry Goldfeder, New York State
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- Judith Kasen-Windsor, Ana Stone
- Elizabeth Dickinson, Diana Adams, Kenneth Adams, Victoria Schneps-Yunis, Sandra Wilkin
- Todd Sears, Robert Zimmerman, Brian Gligor

### Alice & Olivia Hosts Pride Prom

Alice & Olivia Pride Prom was held at Parrish Art Museum in Water Mill to benefit the Ali Forney Center. The star studded guest list included Drew Barrymore, Lea Michele, Eboni K. Williams and AnnaLynne McCord.

Photography by Rob Rich/SocietyAllure.com





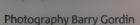


- **Drew Barrymore, Stacey Bendet**
- Lea Michele
- Eboni K WIlliams, AnnaLynne McCord
- Olivia Dunne, Olivia Ponton



### Jack Larsen, 'Larger Than Life' at LongHouse Reserve

Jack, 'Larger than Life', an intimate portrait of creator-collector Jack Lenor Larsen (1927-2020), The Exhibition, opened at LongHouse Reserve in East Hampton. His innovative textiles are presented side by side with his various "enthusiasms," and will be exhibited until September 5, 2021.











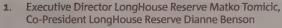












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## Whimsy in the Garden at Southampton Arts Center

A summer cocktail party was held to benefit the Southampton Arts Center. Guests enjoyed an enchanted evening as they strolled through the sculpture garden curated by Eric Fischl featuring works from world-renowned artists.

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## July Photo Contest Entries Celebrate Red, White & Blue

Keep those entries coming! Our July theme is Red, White & Blue. We absolutely love the submissions thus far. Send your submissions to photocontest@danspapers.com Here are just a few of our favorites we have received

- 1. Donna Corvi
- 2. Donna Corvi
- 3. lim Marchese
- Lisa Drayer
   Lynn Falkowski
- 6. Natalie Wilensky
- 7. Susan Tango













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## NEWS & VIEWS

## Hampton Bays Man Dies in Fire After Pleading Guilty to Attempted Manslaughter of Mother on Christmas



BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A Hampton Bays man died in a house fire Wednesday, five days after admitting he tried to help his 97-year-old mother take her own life on Christmas Day, according to Southampton Town Police and Suffolk County court records.

Officers and firefighters responded to the scene to find the Mildred Place home fully engulfed in flames with black smoke pouring from the windows shortly before 10 a.m. Hampton Bays Fire Department firefighters pulled from the second floor the only person inside, 71-year-old Frank Holecek, who was taken to a local hospital, where he died.

Holecek had pleaded guilty to attempted manslaughter with intent to aid suicide on June 25 before Judge Richard Ambro, records show. A charge of attempted murder was dropped in exchange for his plea. He was sentenced to six months time served, which he spent in county jail while his charges were pending, and five months of probation. The judge also issued an order of protection for Holecek to stay away from his mother for eight years.

In the incident that led up to that arrest, Southampton Town Police officers responded to the Hampton Bays home to find Holecek suffering from self-inflicted wounds to his wrists shortly after 5 p.m. on December 25. His mother told responding officers that Holecek attempted to kill her before he tried to take his own life.

Suffolk County Police Arson Squad detectives, Southampton Town Police detectives, and the Southampton Town Fire Marshall's office are investigating the cause of the fire. The Southampton Fire Department, Flanders Fire Department, East Quogue Fire Department, and Southampton Fire Department all responded to help extinguish the flames.



ALL EYES ARE ON EAST HAMPTON AIRPORT.

## East Hampton Airport Emissions Debated

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

E ast Hampton Airport emits 6% of the emissions in the Town of East Hampton and aircraft noise complaints soared across the South Fork last summer, according to a pair of reports that the town released July 6.

The reports are some of the latest to be released, with more in the works, as the town considers potentially closing the airport this fall when it is released from Federal Aviation Authority grant requirements that mandate it remain operational.

"If the airport were to be closed, the airport emissions would be a savings to the local community," stated the draft air quality report co-authored by Don Wuebbles, a professor of atmospheric science at the University of Illinois. "The effect on total emissions cannot be determined without a diversion study, but local noise produced by the aircraft and overall by the airport would likely be greatly reduced."

Manhattan-based GEI Consultants issued an analysis of the report, finding that it "likely overstates East Hampton's [carbon dioxide emissions by at least two-fold."

Representative Massachusetts-based HMMA, an airport consultant company that the town contracts to manage one of several aircraft noise complaint management systems on the East End, gave its report focused on jet noise in summer of 2020. That report found that there were more than 27,000 aircraft noise complaints last summer on the South Fork, with a fifth of those attributed to jets

Dozens of residents spoke for and against closing the airport during a three-hour portion of the town board work session dedicated to the topic. Airport backers tout its economic impact while opponents cite environmental concerns.

"These are difficult questions that we all grapple with trying to find what's best for the community," said East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc.

## NEWS

## NY Expedited **COVID Test for Top** Judge's Relative in Southampton

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

relative of New York State Chief Judge Janet DiFiore received priority testing for COVID-19 from the state Department of Health at her Southampton residence last summer, according to reports and officials.

State-issued COVID-19 tests being prioritized for people with ties to Gov. Andrew Cuomo is among the issues being examined in the state Assembly judiciary committee's impeachment inquiry into the governor. Cuomo's office has denied wrongdoing and maintained the tests were not improper. State law forbids officials from using government resources to provide preferential treatment.

"She didn't receive priority testing," Lucian Chalfen, a spokesman for the Office of Court Administration, told Dan's Papers. "However a member of her family, who she had quarantined with, was suspected to have been exposed to the virus. She requested testing and the Department of Health responded. What and how they handled the samples was outside of our purview.

Several New York National Guard members went to the house with a nurse to perform the test and a state trooper rushed the sample to a state lab for expedited processing in August, according to the Albany Times-Union, which first reported the story.

As Dan's Papers has reported, the impeachment probe is exploring how the governor's brother, CNN host Chris Cuomo, received a state-issued COVID test at his Southampton home in March 2020 during the first wave of the coronavirus pandemic when access was scarce. When the DiFiore test occurred in August, tests were more widely available.

DiFiore, who Cuomo appointed top judge in 2015, would reportedly serve as a juror if the impeachment goes to trial in the state Senate.



**JANET DIFIORE IN 2006.** 

## Hampton Hopper Returns to South Fork

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

he Hampton Hopper is back in service this summer on the South Fork.

The bus offers service between East Hampton Village and the Montauk Wednesday Lighthouse through Sunday until Labor Day at a suggested \$5 fare. It's sponsored by Stony Brook Southampton Hospital. For bus times and stops, visit hamptonhopper. com and download the app.

The free Montauk Hopper shuttle service sponsored by the Town of East Hampton is also back all

## New Sag Harbor Mayor Larocca Sworn In

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

ewly elected Sag Harbor Mayor James Larocca was sworn into office during a ceremony at John Steinbeck Waterfront Park on July

Larocca, who unseated former Mayor Kathleen Mulcahey in last month's village elections, also appointed Edward Haye, a retired attorney, to fill Larocca's seat on the Sag Harbor board of trustees that was left vacant when Larocca won the top job. The venue was a symbolic one, given the debate over waterfront development in the village proving to be a pivotal issue in the new mayor's campaign. It was also one of the first in-person meetings held since the pandemic.

Later the same day, Southampton Village Mayor Jesse Warren was sworn into his second term after winning a rematch from the predecessor he unseated two years ago, Michael Irving. Also sworn in were trustees Robin Brown and Roy Stevenson, who ran on a ticket with Warren and unseated Irving-allied incumbents Mark Parash and Andrew Pilaro.

#### DAN'S COLUMN

## Interspecies:

## A Judge in Albany Meets With a Southampton Piping Plover

BY DAN RATTINER

I believe there has been a meeting between the leader of the endangered piping plover birds of eastern Long Island and a group of three judges up in Albany.

I can't exactly prove it. The meeting was surely held in secret. But there is considerable circumstantial evidence on the table. Remember you read this first in *Dan's Papers*.

The topic of the meeting was driving on the beach. And the goal was to put an end to that activity in two specific locations, Picnic Beach in Southampton and Truck Beach in Amagansett. It is at these two places that particularly on Saturdays in the summertime, people drive 4x4s onto the sand and proceed to surf cast, have picnics, go swimming and sunbathing and generally have a good time. In large numbers.

Pressure on the judge and on the leader of the piping plovers has been building in recent years, brought to their attention by homeowners who, more than a century after locals began using the beaches, built beachfront homes facing this problem on Saturdays in the belief that someday they could persuade somebody, man or beast, to make it illegal for people to engage in that horrible activity directly in front of their patios and decks.

It must be said that each of these beaches poses a different problem for certain reasons. One reason is their names. Although people do the same thing on both beaches, the activity is deemed "Truck" on one beach and "Picnic" on the other. What might be an easier accomplishment because it's Truck Beach, is, in fact, a tougher accomplishment when you're dealing with Picnic Beach.

The other reason is that the two beaches are in different jurisdictions. Truck is in East Hampton. Picnic is in Southampton. So there are different bureaucrats to deal with in each.

Thus, the meeting.

I believe it took place in March. By that time, legal action against the town of East Hampton had been

brought by the people whose homes face Truck Beach, saying a lapse in the transfer of a deed 100 years ago nullified the town's right to have vehicles on their beach. In the lower courts, the town had prevailed. But now there was this higher court in Albany to which the matter had been appealed to a five-judge panel. The matter was hanging in the balance.

We have one page of the transcript of this meeting. It is labeled page 5. And it washed up on the beach in Sagaponack the other day, wet and faded but still legible.

Judge: "We're about to overrule the lower court rulings. Trucks will no longer be allowed on this beach in Amagansett."

Plover: "Cheep, cheep cheep?"

Judge: "It's all in how you read that hundred-year-old deed. Lower courts had ruled that the local people in East Hampton still have the right to that beach for carts and vehicles and trucks from an original patent from the king of England in 1882."

Plover: "Cheep?"

"We don't read it that way. So trucks will not have the right to go on that beach anymore."

"Cheep, cheep, cheep!!"

"What can you do? We need your help in Southampton. Telling the locals they can't have family picnics there is not going to fly. And we don't have any lawsuit anybody has brought up. That's why we wanted to talk to you, er, people."

"Cheep?"

"Hold your horses. I'm about to tell you. Of course you know the law about endangered species and how they need to be protected."



CHEEP

"Cheep."

"Anywhere along the beach where you folks build a nest to hatch and then raise your young, the environmentalists build fences around it to keep humans away and thus protect you."

"Cheep?"

"What we want you to do is build a nest at the head of the entry road to Southampton's Picnic Beach.

"Cheep, cheep."

"There's only this one spot where the trucks go on the beach and get off. It's at—where is it, Marty?—Jimmy Aery Way just before the end of the peninsula. We'd like you to get some volunteers among you plover people to go out and build some nests there. The environmentalists—they're all over the place—will put up a snow fence all around. It will block the trucks trying to get out there to, er, picnic. Can you do that?"

"Cheep!!"

"Great!"

"Cheep, cheep, cheep?"

"No, there is no compensation for this. No birdfeed. No moola. Just think of it this way: If you can block the entrance to the beach there, and we can get East Hampton to put a sign up at the Truck Beach entrance, we will be on our way to getting all the vehicles off all the beaches where people who built houses later can not have to look out at trucks. Or picnics. Kapeesh?"

"Cheep?"

"Yeah, right away. It's March."

"Cheep, cheep, cheep, cheep!!"

"Great!"

\* \* \*

So there you have it. Two weeks ago, the Town of East Hampton put up a sign at Truck Beach saying no driving on the beach. Then last week, environmentalists put fencing up around three couples and their newly hatched eggs in their nests at Picnic Beach in Southampton, with signs posted on the fencing warning people not to enter because the area's breeding birds, nests and eggs are protected under federal law (16 U.S.C. 703). The sign read: "Persons may be arrested and fined for killing, harassing or in any way disturbing these birds."

Offenders in East Hampton Town can be fined up to \$25,000 or serve up to six months of jail time.

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#### **NEWS & VIEWS**

## Hamptons Art Hub:

What a Year for Art in Southampton Village



WENDELL CASTLE'S FUNCTIONAL DESIGNS ON DISPLAY AT CHRISTIE'S / CARPENTERS WORKSHOP GALLERY

#### BY DAVID TAYLOR

This has been a banner year for the art scene in the Village of Southampton.

One year ago this month, Mayor Jesse Warren and the Board of Trustees enacted Local Law No. 6, which required vacant village storefronts to feature art in the windows to keep the streets looking lively and colorful year-round. While not every storefront owner cooperated, the law was at least a partial success largely due to the Southampton Art Center's Storefront Art Project, which spearheaded window installations of works by Alice Hope, Miles Partington, Kerry Sharkey Miller and Monica Banks in the winter and spring months.

"It's something to attract visitors to

our downtown to support businesses, so they can come along, look at some of these art installations and visit some of the art galleries. We think it will be a draw and help businesses, versus (vacant storefronts) being a negative and detracting from businesses," Warren said of the new law last December. "I like that we're seeing that Southampton is becoming a bit of an art hub with all the new art galleries and institutions."

Since July 2020, the art scene of Southampton has developed beyond just vacant storefront art, however, with a massive swell of new galleries—both the annual small pop-ups and larger, more long-term institutions. Perhaps the new addition that shook the local art scene the hardest was Phillips Southampton, the youngest

branch of a global art auction platform, which opened last August in the giant building that once housed Southampton town hall and then Pottery Barn. "Our new location in Southampton will allow for intimate in-person viewings of exceptional works of art, jewels and watches, as well as the flexibility for our top collectors to experience artwork in person," Phillips CEO Edward Dolman said when the location opened.

That same week, Denis Leon Gallery opened in the village, followed by A Is for Art, Lex Weill Gallery, Black & White Gallery / Project Space, Hauser & Wirth and others in the coming months. One has to wonder what draws so many artists and curators to Southampton. For Ric Michel, who opened his first Ric Michel Fine Art Hamptons location in 2019, it was the vil-

lage's ideal location. "In venturing east three years ago, Southampton seemed a natural complement to our TriBeCa space and the most central location for our clients throughout the East End," Michel says. "At the time, we were one of only two galleries on Jobs Lane. Now—with eight galleries, the Southampton Arts Center and Christie's on Jobs Lane alone—Southampton has become a thriving art district."

Location was key for another expanding art business, this one rivaling Phillips Southampton in terms of its impressive Southampton gallery space. A new Christie's Southampton outpost has been set up in the beloved, but long-vacant, 5,600-square-foot glass car showroom and repair shop at 1 Pond Lane through 2022. As part of a collaboration with Carpenters

Workshop Gallery, the pop-up's first exhibition, Out East, will showcase functional design pieces by Nacho Carbonell, DRIFT, Vincent Dubourg and Aldo Bakker alongside works from Christie's by artists inspired by the East End, including Willem de Kooning, Helen Frankenthaler, Lee Krasner and Roy Lichtenstein.

"Both the mayor and the community at large is supportive of this cultural development, and I think it's really elevating the culture not just through the season, but also in the off-season," says Ashlee Harrison, director of the Americas for Carpenters Workshop Gallery. "You have Phillips that has opened, anchoring one end of town ... and vou have Christie's featuring Carpenters Workshop anchoring the other side of Southampton. I think having both of those beautifully iconic buildings that have been repositioned as gallery spaces really sets the tone, and then you have Hauser & Wirth and all these other galleries and pop-ups, the Peter Marino Foundation, (Southampton Cultural Center and Southampton Arts Center). It's such a small town that has really developed as an art community. For me personally, it's an easily accessible location. It's not so far from the city-it's one of the first Hamptons-and if you're coming from east, from Montauk, you have to drive through Southampton. I think it's very

The spacious interior of Christie's Southampton was a key point in making the Carpenters Workshop collaboration work, as the latter's large-scale functional designs need plenty of room to breathe. Plus, Carpenters Workshop has a longstanding tradition of selecting gallery spaces in buildings with unique architectural history. "A big, bronze Wendell Castle (sculpture) isn't something you'd necessarily put in your New York apartment, but it can live very beautifully in a garden or terrace in the Hamptons," Harrison adds.

Perhaps the most recent addition to the Southampton art scene is the Loves Gallery pop-up, which just held a VIP opening on Saturday, July 3. After fleeing her ground-zero home after 9/11, Jennifer Contini found refuge in her Hamptons summer home where she began "painting heart after heart after heart to pump love back into New York City." It was in Southampton that the Ohio native found her community. She continued to paint thousands of her hopeful hearts, which she shipped out to buyers near and far, and abstract works, which Rudy Gambino of La Parmigiana eagerly offered to hang in his restaurant.

Recently splitting her time between Ohio and New York, Contini reached





A IS FOR ART

out to Gambino about adding her latest abstract painting, "Chasing the Sun," to her dedicated wall in La Parmigiana. She posted about her recent journey back to New York, painting in hand, on Instagram, which caught the attention of Marianne Barnett, the UPS Southampton owner and a friend of Contini's, who had serendipitous news to share: UPS Southampton had just moved from 50 Hill Street to 26 Hill Street, leaving the old storefront vacant. All that remained in the windows

was a selection of Barnett's breathtaking animal photography, per the 2020 vacant storefront art law.

"This is the place where I would ship; I would see Marianne almost every day," says Contini-whose works have been featured in exhibitions across the world and who just sold one of her pieces for \$15,000. "So (I chose) Southampton not just because of it being a place of serenity and peace, but the community itself, like Rudy at La Parmigiana hanging my artworkthat's what our gallery is about, too. It's 50 yards away from Christie's, which is just an amazing story in itself, and here we are, (the emerging artists I represent and I) who are selling our paintings. ... I'll get them into this amazing art scene that's going on right now."

Loves Gallery's debut exhibition, Poptimism, explore the idea that "love is the master plan," showcasing artists and designers June Contini, Sarah Dugger, Kathi Tustin, Jason Keusch, Wendy Cuyler, Nikki Codis, Steven Cunningham, Elom "Ecentrik" Bowman, Jessie Edwards, Tillie "Vintage Key Boutique" and young emerging artist Kaia Mateo. "We are going to be a gallery for everyone," Contini adds. "We're planning on doing workshops for adults and children. Children are the focus of 'Paint Your Heart Out.' We're going to draw in, not just the gallery side, but an actual hands-on side for the community to come in and express themselves as artists."

As summer 2021 continues, East Enders will likely see a few more new galleries pop up in Southampton Village, followed by a wave of storefront art installations likely to return later this year as many galleries and stores began their winter hibernation. The seasonal timeline may be similar to other Hamptons villages, but at least in Southampton, the art scene offers something new to see year-round.

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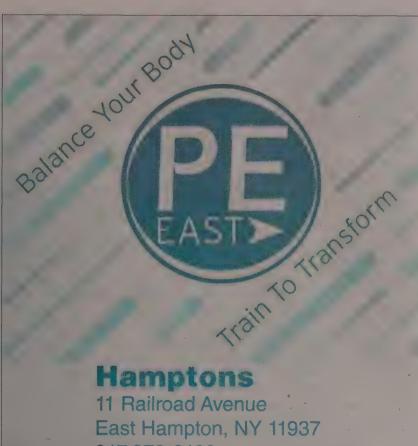
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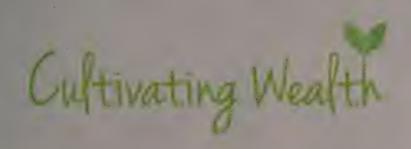


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## Chris Burch Scoops Up \$29M Mecox Bay Estate



Chris Burch, who helped launch his then-wife's eponymous fashion brand, Tory Burch, has purchased a \$29 million home on Mecox Bay in Water Mill, according to *The New York Post*.

The venture capitalist left the East End for Miami last year, after selling his Southampton estate for \$15.5 million, but it appeared he missed it.

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Burch scooped up a seven-acre property at 258 Horsemill Lane, called *Listowel*, that was listed with Corcoran's Tim Davis and Douglas Elliman Real Estate's Erica Grossman for \$29.5 million.

Davis declined to comment.

The 6.9-acre property is surrounded

on three sides by farm land and is bordered on the fourth side by 360 feet of frontage on Mecox Bay. The 12,000-square-foot shingle-style traditional house took five years to complete, according to the listing. "The interior and exterior spaces are designed to seamlessly integrate all the modern conveniences yet still maintaining the old world style and sensibility," it says.

A master suite encompasses the entire southeastern wing of the house and boasts vaulted ceilings in the bedroom, a fireplace, and French doors that lead out onto a south facing deck with dramatic views of not only the bay, but the ocean beyond.

A separate, but attached, "guest cottage" holds a living area with a fireplace, a studio, ensuite bedroom and access to the outdoor spa.

The grounds hold classic English gardens, a heated gunite pool within the allée of sycamore trees, a vast rose garden, and an orchard of 60-year-old apple trees, potager, flower cutting gardens, and specimen mature trees. There is also a carriage house and a nature path that leads down to the large dock.

Burch sold most of his stake in his ex-wife's company for \$650 million in late 2012 and went on the Forbes Billionaires List in 2013.

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**Tips to Keep Your Jewelry Safe While on Vacation** 

As birds fly south for the winter, so do many people who have no intention of shoveling snow any time soon. And while the focus is likely on your warm destination, it's critical that you remember to protect the valuables you leave behind. After all, the number of people who've reported missing jewelry while traveling has doubled since 2015.

The first tip to protect your jewelry is to make sure your jewelry insurance coverage is up-to-date. You'll want to take inventory of your valuables before leaving on your trip. You may even want to send your insurance agent a detailed list of what you're taking with you and what's being left behind.

While travelling, never take earrings, bracelets or anything else off in public spaces, and if you're staying at a hotel or a home with house-keepers, be mindful to place your valuables in a locked safe. Be aware of your surroundings at all times, and think twice before announcing on social media that you've left your home while you're staying elsewhere for the season or on a vacation.

Before you return home make sure you have all the valuables you brought with you on your trip, and do so once more when you get home, this time making note of the jewelry you left behind, as well.

In addition to this column's insurance tip of the week, I want readers to know they can call me for advice, questions or any coverage concerns any time at 1-866-964-4434.

### BEHIND THE HEDGES REAL ESTATE

# Charles Gwathmey's Sedacca House Hits the Market for \$2.5M

BY CATHERINE MCGRATH

The Sedacca House, located in East Hampton, is an integral part of architectural history. Built in 1967 by Charles Gwathmey, one of the iconic "New York Five" architects, the home recently hit the market for \$2.5 million.

The 1,200-square-foot home at 19 Northwest Landing Road is located near East Hampton Village and is just two miles from Cedar Point. In addition to the main structure, there is a pool and an Airstream — yes, this home comes with an Airstream — all set on just under three acres.

The property has been preserved as a part of architectural history, according to the Corcoran listing and with that has been said to have "revitalized or changed the concept of building in the Hamptons, broke the mold of the vernacular, shingle-style house and showed for the first time a modern house that was not imitative or historicist."

It is listed with Matthew Lester and Michael Schultz of the Corcoran Group.

From the outside, the Sedacca House is "a two story, mid-century modernist masterpiece full of juxtaposition in both material and form."



Upon entering the main space, visitors are greeted with 18-foot high ceilings, a steel spiral staircase, and walls of glass that embrace the woodlands surrounding the property. The kitchen sits in the cylindrical wing of the house and is equipped with a stove, oven, refrigerator, and dishwasher. The first level also offers a bedroom and bathroom.

Once visitors ascend the spiral staircase, there is the master bed-

room and bathroom as well as a beautiful mezzanine.

Out back, there is a luxe Airstream, a spot for guests, perhaps?

The original storage shed still stands on the property. There is also a terrace perfect for entertaining family and friends. The centerpiece of the yard is the heated pool surrounded by the lush woodlands of East Hampton.

Гhis home is the perfect

place to spend the summer secluded from the crowds and traffic of the Hamptons but is within close distance of many shops and restaurants. The touch of historical significance makes spending time on this property that much more satisfying.

According to the listing, the Sedacca House is, "a fleeting, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for any aficionado of good design."



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## Hampton Classic Prepares for Big Return in 2021

BY OLIVER PETERSON

ollowing a year hiatus forced by the COVID-19 pandemic, the organizers of the Hampton Classic Horse Show are champing at the bit and ready to bring the East End's premier equestrian event back to Bridgehampton this summer. And despite skipping last year, there's much to celebrate with the Classic's return during the week of August 29-September 5. Riders are eager to compete, few sponsors have bailed out and the turf has had two years to recover. One could argue that 2021 will be better than ever.

Hampton Classic executive director for the past 16 years, Shanette Barth Cohen says they had little option but to cancel in 2020. Some horse shows were able to run competition without spectators during the pandemic, but that wouldn't have been possible at the Classic.

"We couldn't afford to run the show with just the horse show itself," she explains, pointing out that rider entry fees cover most prize money, but they have no built-in infrastructure or facilities, such as jumps, rings, PA systems-pretty much everything that makes the event what it is.

Last year was disappointing, but Cohen says she and her team immediately went to work planning for 2021. "We decided we were running in 2021 when we canceled in 2020. It wasn't really a decision to happen," she recalls, though they couldn't fully go forward with contracts and booking officials and vendors. "It was a sort of gradual thing as it became clearer and clearer that we'd be able to run."

Momentum has been building since then, as it's become clearer this summer's show won't differ much from previous Classics. "Early in the year it was looking like maybe we'd have to do some modifications," Cohen says, but the world is quickly shifting back to the way it was. "At this point we're expecting the show to be relatively normal. I don't think we're going to have to change much besides encouraging mask wearing if you're not vaccinated-that type of thing.'

They originally expected to cut the number of VIP tables, but even that is



SHANETTE BARTH COHEN AND RINGMASTER ALAN KEELEY AT THE HAMPTON CLASSIC

no longer a problem. As far as changes that stuck, Cohen says they moved Kids Day from its usual Saturday slot to Thursday in an effort to keep weekend numbers down and drive congestion to a day with fewer capacity issues. "Kids Day was a natural to move to Thursday because a Saturday is going to be busy regardless," she points out. "Now we probably could have Kids Day on Saturday, but we've already made the change and that's fine."

Unfortunately, a number of vendors with accepted applications have backed out, but mainly because the Hamptons is so hopping this summer that they've found it impossible to secure housing for the week. At least one other couldn't come due to a pandemic-related corporate policy that has yet

To cover their bases and put minds at ease. Cohen says they forged a partnership with Health Rover months ago to be the official COVID testing partner of the Hampton Classic, when they thought on-site testing might be

needed. "They're a mobile health unit that has testing equipment," she adds, noting that the company is even working on a concussion test that could be available by next summer. "At the time we made the arrangement we figured we'd at least need to have our staff be tested on a regular basis," Cohen con-



**2021 HAMPTON CLASSIC HORSE SHOW POSTER BY SHELLI BREIDENBACH** 

tinues, describing vet another precaution that is now unnecessary, especially since most of her staff is vaccinated. But Health Rover will still be on-site if the situation changes.

Normally, Hampton Classic tickets go on sale in June, but this vear they won't be available until August 1. "We modified because there were so many unknowns," Cohen says, but even with the delay, she expects sales to be brisk. VIP tent areas are already mostly sold out, which happened much earlier than in previous years. And 2021's competitor entries, which opened right around Memorial Day, are way ahead of 2019 in terms of how many horses have been entered to compete. Cohen also expects grandstand seats to sell out.

"I don't know if our crowds can get bigger because we only have a certain amount of parking," Cohen says. "I think we'll be as busy as ever." Typically, some 50,000 people come to watch the event, showcasing more than 1,500 horses competing for hundreds of thousands of dollars in 200 hunter, jumper and equitation classes.

And, of course, the surest sign that the Hampton Classic isn't going away this year is the 2021 poster reveal. Originally meant to be last year's poster, the gorgeous image by equine photographer Shelli Breidenbach features a powerful chestnut horse on a white background. It's the first time a photo has been used for the poster since 2007. Due to the carryover from last year, Cohen says the Classic never sent a request for new submissions, but they still received a bunch, which will be entered for next year's poster.

At this point, it seems nothing can stop the Hampton Classic Horse Show from a big, splashy return-and it comes just after the 2021 Olympics. Nearly all of the event's top, fan-favorite riders will be there, and it will be the first time any participating Olympians will be back in competition on

"What's new is that we're trying to make it as the same as it's always been," Cohen says. "We want people to feel like we're back full-steam ahead and we didn't miss a stride.'

Learn more at hamptonclassic.com.

## This Week's Cover Artist:

## Kia Eshghi

BY DAVID TAYLOR

This week's cover artist, Kiamarz "Kia" Eshghi, has spent more than six decades working as an artist and musician in Iran and in the United States.

Raised in the city of Tehran with advanced schooling in classical art and Persian miniature, as well as the classical Persian zarb drum, Eshghi's painting and drumming abilities were put on display right out of high school — in local art shows, on stage, radio and television. He also broke into acting and stage design through his connection to the Honarhaye Ziba governmental art institute at which he had trained. At age 25, he and his wife Pouran left Iran for the United States.

Throughout the 1970s and '80s, he exhibited his paintings throughout New York, including at his own Gallery Bond Street, and he was even invited by the Iran Center at Columbia University to participate in a show celebrating talented Iranian artists. One of his proudest exhibitions was a solo show of his most vibrant pieces that took place at the esteemed Queens Museum of Art. His paintings have also become popular with architects and interior designers who often work them into their chic designs.

Throughout this time, Eshghi has also continued to hone his drumming skills, which earned him several performances at Carnegie Hall, New York University and other prestigious venues. In addition to his painting and drumming accolades, he and Pouran are also well-known as former owners of The Big Duck in Flanders and the ones who donated the iconic structure to Suffolk County. Today, they are successful New York business owners with a lovely home in Hampton Bays.

Here, Eshghi discusses this week's cover art: "Vision #1."

## What is the story behind "Vision #1?"

(There was a time) when this style wasn't around, and I brought it to my



ARTIST KIA ESHGHI AT THE BIG DUCK, WHICH HE AND HIS WIFE DONATED TO SUFFOLK COUNTY

canvas, calling it "organic abstract." That's when we gave a name to my technique, and everybody was happy and liked it. ... Every five to 10 years I try to step up and do something new, and most of the things that were done at the time, in the 1980s and '90s, were organic abstract. The color was mostly done by the ink, dye and mixed media — everything is on a canvas.

It's easy to look at and come up with

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your own version of the story in the painting. You can always look into and bring some more out of that painting. ... It is a technique that I've never seen before as an artist. I look at a lot of books and artwork, but there is nothing out there that matches the systematic work that I put through my brush to my canvas. The word "unique" probably fits.

## How do your paintings play into your own story?

Each piece has a story on its own shoulders, and each piece brings in a good portion of my life, showing how my life started with art. And music has a lot to do with it because I am a drummer, which a lot of people don't know. We brought the drumming, Persian drumming, up to this situation where we were invited to do pieces in Carnegie Hall. I played like three or four times in Carnegie Hall, and for one or two of them, I wasn't just a musician, I was also working as production manager. I had created that show. It's a kind of mix and match in the mind of a musician who does painting and a painter who does drawing and drumming.

## What makes this piece an ideal fit for a Dan's Papers cover?

I think any of my pieces are nice for a Dan's cover! When Vicki (Schneps-Yunis) picked up this one, I said, "Fantastic! That's a great piece." But to be honest, any of the pieces that I have in my stock, and the things that I'm doing lately, are all related. ... My works are creative works, and sometimes they all become one. And I can see other pictures, like "Vision #1," I can see it in "Blue Harmony." They might be separated by the coloring that I did, but originally, they're based on the same creative drawings.

## What do you find most rewarding or fulfilling about creating these unique works of art?

I enjoy it when each piece comes to the end. I work and I search — I work and I search — I work and I search, and I come up with the ideas that maybe will satisfy me. Even if not, little by little, I get used to new types of work. My work with the canvas is a lot about the relationship between me and my work. ... I cannot talk too much about the pieces individually, but in the group work, you can see it's really satisfying.



# Eric Fischl's Saints of Sag Harbor: Part VII

The religious past and the art-as-religion future have intersected within the walls of the Sag Harbor Church, a cultural hub with famed artists/activists April Gornik and Eric Fischl as the founders, and Sara Cochran as executive director.

The soaring building is home to 20 windows;

it is there, explained Fischl, where the "arts saints of Sag Harbor, the dead saints, will be canonized." Fischl's artistic contribution to the historical narrative of those of who were drawn to the East End as a vortex of creativity shine down from the portals surrounding the space.

For more information about programs, visit sagharborchurch.org

Dan's Papers is showcasing two windows a week for 10 weeks, with Fischl's lighthearted responses when asked the irreverent question, "What would this luminary be the patron saint of, besides Sag Harbor?"



**NELSON ALGREN BY ERIC FISCHL** 

## **Nelson Algren** (1909–1981)

Fischl: "Nelson Algrenis the saint for those creative gangsters who splash light, language and color on the pounding jukebox of hard living." Nelson Algren was an American novelist and short story writer, known as the "Poet of the Chicago Slums." His novel The Man with the Golden Arm, published in 1949, won the National Book Award and was adapted as a 1955 film of the same name.

Algren showed his tough love for Chicago with *Chicago: City on the Make*, published in 1951, and was referred to as "a bard of the down-and-outer," reifying the world of the Chicago demimonde. He moved to Paterson, NJ after researching and writing about the boxer Rubin "Hurricane" Carter in *The Devil's Stocking*.

Hemingway called Algren the greatest post-war novelist writing in his day. He moved to Sag Harbor at the end of his life, somewhat embittered by his lack of fame. Algren was then accepted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and planned to celebrate his induction, but died in his kitchen while preparing for a celebration party.



**BETTY FRIEDAN BY ERIC FISCHL** 

## **Betty Friedan**

(1921-2006)

"Betty Friedan is the saint of housewives with much more on their plates than domesticity," Fischl says.

In 1963, Betty Friedan published a book called *The Feminine Mystique* that galvanized American feminism in the second half of the 20th century. By the year 2000, more than three million copies had been sold, and it had been translated into many languages. *The Second Sex*, an earlier book by French author Simone de Beauvoir, also dealt with similar issues but did not quite strike the same cultural nerve. *The Feminine Mystique* exploded the pervasive myth that a woman kept by her husband in a housewifely role is necessarily a fulfilled woman: "The problem that has no name," as she called it.

The publication of *The Feminine Mystique* also led to her cofounding and presidency of the National Organization for Women in 1966, which sought equal rights and standing with men in American society. This was followed by the Women's Strike for Equality in 1970, which took place on August 26, the 50th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. She was slow to accept the cause of LGBTQ rights, but eventually saw its essential worth.

There is no question that Friedan's book and work has had an enormous effect on culture worldwide, and its importance is undiminished.

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## **PRESTON HOUSE & HOTEL**



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uring the joyous July 4 holiday weekend, I took time to visit outlets where my newspapers are distributed. I was shocked to learn that some big box stores in the communities we serve have been rejecting our papers!

We are the community and so are they! If you are out and about and notice our community papers are missing, I'd be very grateful if you would tell the manager you want to pick them up in their store!

Ironically, the family-owned stores happily receive us. Make sure you thank and patronize them. After all, small businesses are the backbone of the community!

#### **GIVING BACK**

On July 4, my new best friends Carol and Jerry Levin invited me to their spectacular home, which we recently featured in our Dan's Papers Behind the Hedges magazine

They are prolific philanthropists, having raised more than \$1 billion for special causes.

I met them at the beautiful Hampton Synagogue in Westhampton

Beach, where

Carol serves

Jerry was dressed in red, white

and blue from head to toe!

## Help me!

as president under the leadership of the extraordinarily successful Rabbi Marc Schneier.

He just announced that the congregation's newest project, a facility for children across the street from the synagogue, will have 36 windows created by the masterful glass artist, world recognized Chihuly.

Additionally, on Mill Road in front of the newly renovated building, Chihuly will create his first ever glass sculpture memorialising the Holocaust. The enormous installation will have a huge impact on Westhampton Beach! More to come!

The sun finally appeared in the afternoon and a glow of light lit up the Levins' lush back-yard for a benefit helping **Our Children**. It's important mission is to help youth to prevent and recover from alcohol, drug and substance abuse!

#### MY VISITTO MONTAUK

I was delighted to take the hour trip from Westhampton to Montauk to meet the members of the Montauk Chamber of Commerce who were sponsoring a gathering at the beautifully restored and spectacularly set Gurney's Star Island Resort & Marina (formerly the Montauk Yacht Club).

It faces **Lake Montauk** and consists mostly of beautiful fishing boats lining the marina.

Upon arriving, I felt like I stepped into another world. The hotel has its own beach, three swimming pools and a restaurant on the deck facing the marina. There are even boats available to rent.

The chamber event was on the waterfront deck contiguous to the restaurant and the warm breezes from the

lake made it a magical setting.

I had previously met chamber's **Board President Paul Monte**, who has roots in Brooklyn, as did the famous Monte family who ran Gurney's for decades. My friend



Pat Condren from Bay Ridge and Westhampton walked down memory lane with Paul recalling with him the Monte family roots in Brooklyn.

At the chamber gathering was

WITH GRIEF

But there was sadness, too,

as Robert Pozarycki, our cher-

ished editor of amNewYork Metro and our Manhattan week-

ly papers, buried his beloved dad



the very knowledgeable Michael Nenner, the general manager who oversees Gurney's properties. I was thrilled to learn that he went to Queens College!

His new owners have restored and elegantly decorated the beloved properties. My favorite destination is Gurney's Montauk Resort and Seawater Spa on the ocean. The spa is closed undergoing a

complete makeover. I can't wait for the late fall reopening!

I like to say that life for me is a giant spider web. As I was talking with some chamber members, Guy Schaefer came over and asked me, "Aren't you Vicki Schneps from the Bethpage Credit Union Best of Long Island event?" He joyfully shared with me that he won



Kay Tyler and Pat Condren

Robert. My deepest condolences to

the Pozarycki family.



Kay Tyler, the executive director of the

Montauk Chamber of Commerce, and

Board President Paul Monte.

## Dishwashing:

## How It Has Changed In Our House and How I Have Tried to Come to Terms With It



BY DAN RATTINER

hen I was a boy, I didn't have to wash dishes. I had a mother who did that. She also cooked. Meanwhile, my dad worked every day. That was the era when a family could get by on one income.

After college I went out into the world where when I got married I was told I either had to do one or the other. I chose dishwashing.

I became an excellent dishwasher. I did pots and pans with soap pads, but for plates, silverware and glasses it meant putting things into the dishwasher, which had recently been invented. I got real good at that. Silverware in the basket, a big pullout tray for the dishes, a

smaller one on the top for the glasses and cups. I was always very diligent in washing things with soap and water before putting them in the dishwasher. Didn't want to hurt the dishwasher. I should be happy with the dishwasher. And I was. It seemed easy.

I mention all this because three weeks ago, our dishwasher died very suddenly. I looked at the manual. We'd had it exactly 10 years and a month. It had a 10-year warranty. Maybe they programmed it to do that. The silverware basket broke on the bottom. A counterweight inside the dishwasher snapped. Now to get the 15-pound dishwasher door either open or closed required a mighty lift. We solved that by tying a leather belt to the door handle for extra leverage. But then, a week later, the left side of the dishwasher door came entirely off its hinge and fell to the floor.

This meant that for the next few weeks while my wife negotiated with P.C. Richard & Son, I had to do the dishes by hand, not the way I used to have to do it, but how my mother, before dishwashers, had to do it.

And I had a revelation. Washing



LOOKING INTO THE GREAT MAW OF OUR NEW DISHWASHER

the dishes with soap and water and putting them in a dish rack on the counter was better than washing the dishes with soap and water to make them ready for the dishwasher. For one thing, the sparkling-clean dishes were right there on the counter in the rack at counter level so you could make sure they were clean. For another, you didn't have to bend over and wrestle the dishwasher door open and closed, then slide things into their places in its dark cave. For another, you didn't have to rummage around in there when an errant fork got through the shelves and was down on the bottom in the back. And for still another, it saved water. It took me 15 minutes to wash the dishes. The dishwasher had washed and cleaned for 80 minutes, using tons of water.

I felt proud to be doing the dishes just once, then seeing them all spiffy clean in the bright kitchen lights.

And then I learned I was NOT doing it like my mother was doing it. I was picking up a dirty dish, scrubbing it with a sponge under the warm water, then rinsing it and setting it into the rack

My wife, noting that, pulled a small white plastic tub from under the counter and set it into the sink. It took up exactly half of the sink. She then put liquid soap and warm water in it. It bubbled up to near the top.

"Now stack up the dishes in the tub and let them soak," she told me.

I did that. After a bit, I took the dishes out of the tub one by one and just had to rinse the soapy water off them into the sink, where the tub wasn't, before setting them in the rack. This was terrific!

"And use these rubber gloves," she said. The gloves went almost up to my elbows. As a matter of fact, my mother had gloves like these. I did the dishes and my hands stayed dry.

Anyway, after consulting Consumer Reports magazine for the best dishwasher, then talking to a knowledgeable salesman at P.C. Richard & Son, we ordered the delivery and installation of a new dishwasher. Once again, I was going back to stacking the dishes up into the mouth of the dishwasher.

This one has a top rack where you have to line up the dirty knives, forks and spoons in rows one at a time rath-

er than drop them willynilly into a silverware basket as with the old one.

My wife showed me how to do it. All the salad forks go in one row, all the regular forks in another, all the soup spoons in another row, all the teaspoons in still another. Each individual piece of silverware gets soaped up and sprayed upon on all sides all at once.

"I think I'm lining up all these soldiers for the morning inspection," I told my wife. "It takes time."

"You'll get used to it," she said.

I also discovered in the manual that with this dishwasher you don't have to even rinse the dishes before they go in. Just scrape off the excess food. That's crazy. I don't

believe it.

It also has 13 settings. The old dishwasher had two. Regular and quick—80 minutes or 45 minutes. The settings were at the top of the door in both. Press one and it beeps, lights up and starts when you close the door.

This one has a regular setting. It goes for three hours. The other settings are steam cycle, auto, heavy, delicate, refresh, normal, turbo, hi-temp, extra dry, delay start, dual zone, half load and energy saver.

Both dishwashers are pretty silent when they are on. But here we are at the breakfast table in the kitchen and the new one is on regular. And you hear it splashing water inside.

It starts up splashing, it goes on for about 30 seconds, then it stops. After 10 seconds it starts up again, splashing for 30 seconds and again stops. Then it goes on and on like this.

"I guess the dishes are getting pretty clean in there," I note. "The old one didn't do this." It splashes again and again. Wash, wash, wash, wash, wash.

I think it's going to wear off the designs on the dishes in there. We shall see. We'll open it later today.

# Our Amazing History Julia Gardiner, First Lady of the U.S.

BY DAN RATTINER

J ulia Gardiner, the daughter of a well-known East Hampton resident, grew up to marry the president of the United States while he was in office. That has not happened before or since. It has also not happened that the age difference between a president and first lady was so great. President John Tyler was 54. She was 24.

How it all came about is a wonderful love story. Tyler's presidency (1841–45) is considered one of the country's worst. But the love story is another matter.

Her father, David Gardiner, was a prominent New York lawyer. He and his family had a home in Manhattan and a house on Gardiners Island off Amagansett which his older brother owned. Julia was born on Gardiners Island and raised amidst New York's high society. In the summer, she attended Clinton Academy in East Hampton to study

manners, poetry and music.

She grew to become a great beauty. But when she was 19, she was involved in a great scandal. In Manhattan, she allowed herself to promote a middle-class department store in that town by appearing in a newspaper advertisement with an unidentified man saving, "I'll purchase at Bogert and Mecamly's, No. 86 Ninth Avenue. Their Goods are Beautiful and Astonishingly Cheap." As a result, her father took her and the rest of the family on an 11-month tour of Europe where the family was presented to kings and queens and even the pope. The scandal was gone when they returned, so her father began practicing law in and around Washington, D.C. At a reception at the White House, Julia was presented to President Tyler, who was immediately smitten. He was still married, but his wife was bedridden and dying upstairs.

After his wife's death, President Tyler began openly sending poems and love letters to Julia. Her parents were hor-

rified. The age gap between them was totally inappropriate.

Still, President Tyler constantly invited her back to the White House, chaperoned by her father, of course. But then a tremendous tragedy changed everything.

Julia and her father were among many guests invited by President Tyler to accompany him on a cruise up the Potomac River aboard the Princeton, the newest and largest warship in the American Navy. A band played. Many members of the administration were on board. The secretary of war urged the captain to fire the ship's big gun, the largest gun ever built to that time. Julia was below deck



**JULIA GARDINER** 

in a cabin. The gun exploded, sending shrapnel everywhere. President Tyler ran upstairs and found himself amidst smoke, fire and six people dead. One of them was Julia's father. The president ran downstairs and held Julia, saying he would never ever leave her. He carried her ashore, sobbing. She married him.

Julia Gardiner be-

came a celebrity. She rode around Washington in a carriage pulled by a team of white horses. She held parties and affairs honoring foreign dignitaries. She required that a Marine band play "Hail to the Chief" whenever her husband entered a room. Drawings of her became souvenirs.

Julia and her husband retired to his Virginia plantation after he completed his first and only term. She bore him seven children. In 1862, Tyler, now a senator for the Confederacy, died while going to a meeting in Richmond. Julia lived on Staten Island for a while, then retreated to the family estate in Virginia, where she died in 1889 at age 69.



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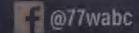
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FRIDAY, JULY 9, 7:30-9 P.M.
Check out Gene Casey and the band for this free live show.
It's fast-paced country rock at its finest. Bring your favorite beach chair or dancing shoes.
9 Beach Road,

Westhampton. 631-517-0010, thelongislandwave. com

DANCE AND SCULPT AT THE CLUBHOUSE HAMPTONS

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 10:30 A.M.

Fitness fanatics will flip for the chance to energize their bodies with 30 minutes of cardio followed by 30 minutes of sculpting. You can register online ahead of time, and don't forget your sneakers!

174 Daniels Hole Road, East Hampton. 631-537-2695, clubhousehamptons.com

## MADOO CONSERVATORY TOUR WITH WINE AND CHEESE

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 3 P.M.-5 P.M.
The Madoo Conservatory is renowned for its lush flowers and gorgeous scenery. For \$17, you get scrumptious local

wine and cheese included with your tour. Register ahead of time online. 618 Sagg Main Street, Sagaponack. 631-725-0904, templeadasisrael.org

## REGGAE NIGHT AT THE STEPHEN TALKHOUSE

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Fans of reggae can kick back and relax while listening to quality motifs by Winston Irie. The Stephen Talkhouse boasts three main rooms including an outdoor patio, a great place to soak in the atmosphere on a warm summer night.

161 Main Street, Amagansett. 631-267-3117, stephentalkhouse.

#### "GREASE" AT HERRICK PARK

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 8:30-10:20 P.M. Head on over with Greased-lighting speed to this live screening of a classic musical in tranquil Herrick Park. You can purchase tickets ahead of time online.

67 Newton Lane, East Hampton. goelevent.com

## SANTI DEBRIANO & FLASH OF THE SPIRIT ARKESTRA

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 5:30-7:30 P.M. Latin and jazz enthusiasts will appreciate this unique opportunity to check out an 11-piece ensemble at the Hayground School. The artists' influences range from the Middle East to Brazil to American jazz.

151 Mitchell Lane, Bridgehampton. 631-537-7068, hamptonsjazzfest.com

### **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

### **EN PLEIN AIR FOR ADULTS**

FRIDAY, JULY 9.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to paint in the glow of the Hamptons sun, hosted by the Mannix Art Studio. Choose from paint, draw or charcoal mediums. You can register ahead of time online.

East Hampton. 631-329-2811, mannix.studio/plein-air

## INDONESIAN CRAFT AND SUMMER SALE

JULY 9-13, 10 A.M.-6 P.M.

Shop from among the finest hand-made treasures of Southeast Asia in the quaint Hamptons atmosphere of Ashawagh Hall. Musical instruments, sarongs, and tapestries are just some of the unique discoveries you'll make. All credit cards are accepted. 780 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton. 631-807-9454, indonesiatextilesandcrafts@gmail.com, ashawagh-hall.org

## WESTHAMPTON BEACH FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 9 A.M.-1 P.M.

Nothing says the Hamptons on a Saturday better than a farmers market bustling with folks and lots of locally-grown, artisanal food choices. Freerange chicken, fruits, cheese and local wine are just a few of the treasures you can show off once you get home. And the locals can give you lots of tips on the best ways to prepare your discoveries.

g 9-1 Beach Road, Westhampton Beach. 631-288-3337, westhamptonchamber.org

## THE HAMPTONS HAPPENING: A GLOBAL WALK TO FLATTEN THE CANCER CURVE

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 6:30-10:30 P.M. Get your feet moving for a good cause on a cool Hamptons evening. All proceeds will be used to benefit the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation. You can email ahead of time for tickets and more information.

900 Lumber Lane, Bridgehampton. events@waxmancancer.org,

## FLOWER WORKSHOP AT AMBER WAVES

waxmancancer.org

MONDAY, JULY 12, 4-5:30 P.M. Sign up on the website beforehand for this special opportunity to tour the farm and learn about harvesting and arranging flowers. Your ticket includes



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wine, light snacks, and a beautiful bouquet to bring home.
367 Main Street, Amagansett. 631267-5664, amberwavesfarm.org

#### SUNSET NATURE TOUR OF NORTH SEA HARBOR BY KAYAK OR PADDLE BOAT

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 5:30 P.M.

Explore a shellfish pond and oyster cages while enjoying the shimmering Serenity tidal pond and nature preserve. You'll also be searching for wildlife such as deer, turkeys, and osprey. You'll need to register through email ahead of time.

Conscience Point, Southampton. 631-537-9735, info@soho.org, sofo.org

#### TAI CHI WITH JOHN TURNBULL THURSDAY, JULY 15, 12-1 P.M.

Tai Chi is known for reducing stress and anxiety, as well as improving balance. This class will be held on the green lawn of the Bridgehampton Library. If it rains, you can register ahead of time for a Zoom class. 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 631-537-0015, myhamptonlibrary. org

#### **VIRTUAL EVENTS**

#### MONDAY YOGA WITH SARAH ANJALI

MONDAY, JULY 12, 10:15-11:15 A.M. Yoga is known for reducing stress, increasing flexibility, and improving your mood. What better way to start the day than a refreshing yoga

class from home? Once you register online with the Rogers Memorial Library, you'll be sent a Zoom meeting ID and pass-code.

631-283-0774 ext. 523, myrml.org

#### VIRTUAL LIVE ZOOM: BREATHE TOGETHER

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 10 A.M.

Enjoy virtual breathing for stress relief and optimal health from your living room or backyard. All you need to do is click on the Zoom meeting session on the Hamptons Library website. The meeting ID and passcode there, too. 631-537-0015, myhamptonlibrary. org

#### SEASHELLS INTO PAINT: GEORGIA O'KEEFE

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Register in advance for this virtual exploration of color. Together with artist Joyce Raimondo, you will learn to turn your favorite seashells into works of art inspired by famous American painter Georgia O'Keefe. You'll need



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to bring your own paint, brushes, water, and seashell to the meeting. 631-728-6241, hamptonbayslibrary.

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JULY 14-17, 10 A.M.-7:30 P.M.

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Sign up on the website for lectures, salons, and evening readings provided by Stony Brook Southampton all from

the comfort of your home. The cost is \$150 for the entire conference.

631-632-5007,

### **ART EXHIBITIONS**

## DISCOVERING UNCOMMON GROUND IV: CURATORS WALK

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 3-4:30 P.M. Discover this unique exhibition of contemporary and abstract sculptures nestled in the beauty of the Bridge Gardens. Internationally renowned artists explore the relationship between natural beings and the ground from which they're born. You can register by phone or email ahead of time

631-283-3195, events@ peconiclandtrust.org, peconiclandtrust.org

## THIS IS DIFFERENT: A SOLO EXHIBITION OF LARGE-SCALE ABSTRACT WORKS BY LINDA COLLETTA

ON VIEW JULY 13-18, 11 A.M.-5 P.M. Linda Coletta's new *Drop Cloth* collection at the White Room Gallery brings together industrial and artistic elements. She is an abstract artist who has created the backdrops and scenery for televised performances of acts like Coldplay, Brittany Spears and Jennifer Lopez.

2415 Main Street, Bridgehampton. 212-580-0835, thewhiteroom. gallery

#### **REALITY...AND THEN SOME**

ON VIEW THROUGH JULY 30.

Ric Michel Fine Art's Reality...and Then Some group show presents a body of realist, hyperrealist and surrealist works examining upheaval, disorientation and distortion, which are increasingly the reality of our times. Featured artists include Andriy Halashyn, Pedro Bonnin, Shay Kun, Kevin Peterson, Bruce Evans, Joseph Miller, Elise Remender, Christopher Stevens, Shane McAdams, Scott Allen Roberts, Samara Shuter, Jessica Brilli, Stephen Hansen and Daniel Pollera. Call for gallery hours.

46 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 516-655-1432, ricmichelfineart.com



"THIS IS DIFFERENT" BY LINDA COLLETTA

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THE SPECTACULAR VIEW FROM ATLANTIS BANQUETS & EVENTS

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### LIVE SHOWS

#### DAN'S CHEFS OF THE NORTH FORK

SATURDAY, JULY 10. 6:30-10 P.M.

Honoring the culinary and wine creativity of the North Fork, Dan's Chefs of the North Fork is taking place at the Atlantis Banquets & Events in the heart of Riverhead overlooking the Peconic River. This premier North

Fork culinary event unites a dozen revered chefs for a curated cocktail hour, perfectly crafted five-course pairing dinner, and decadent desserts. All dishes will feature locally sourced ingredients paired with wines from the unrivaled wineries of the North Fork. 431 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-537-0500, Dan's Taste.com

#### THE ATLANTIC AT PINDAR **VINEYARDS**

**SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2-6 P.M.** 

Choose from quality bottles of bubbly while enjoying some live music under the pavilion at one of Hampton's most popular vineyards. Pindar is particularly popular for its whites and roses. 37645 NY-25, Peconic. 631-734-6200,

pindar.net

### DYEING TO WEAR IT: CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH COLOR

MONDAY, JULY 12, 1-4 P.M.

Join Dyer Maker Studio's Rhonda M. Studio for this kaleidoscopic exploration of color as you design your

> own silk scarf at the Floyd Memorial Library. Each color is cultivated from natural materials and storytelling is laced into the activity. 531 First Street, Greenport. 631-477-

0660, joinprogram@

floydmemoriallibrary.org. floydmemoriallibrary.org

#### **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

#### HORSE & FARM ANIMAL **WALKING TOUR**

MONDAY, JULY 12, 10 A.M.-2 P.M. Enjoy this guided walk-through experience where you can learn about rescued animals. These include horses, goats, pigs, and chickens. You can sign up online ahead of time.

2746 Sound Avenue, Riverhead. 631-875-0433, spiritspromiserescue.org

### WITNESS THE MANHANSSET

artifacts used by the first residents of Shelter Island known as the Manhanslower level of the Shelter Island History Center.

#### NORTH FORK CHOCOLATE COMPANY ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

ON VIEW THROUGH AUGUST 31.

While you're heading over to the North Fork Chocolate Company for a root beer float or a Belgian waffle, you can check out what the local artistic talent has to offer. Local chef and painter Steven Amaral and renowned photographer Barbara Lassen are displaying their works every Tuesday-Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

740 Main Road, Aquebogue. 631-779-2963, northforkchocolate.com



#### FLOWERS, TRACKS AND TREES

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 11-12:30 A.M.

Check out wildflowers, animal tracks, and trees while exploring the beauty of the Hallock State Park Preserve, Call ahead of time for additional informa-

6062 Sound Road, Northville. 631-765-6450, groupfortheeastend.org

### **VIRTUAL EVENTS**

### ART/RICH POETRY ROUND TABLE

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 4-5 P.M.

Register online with the Shelter Island Library to discuss art and poetry in depth via Zoom. Works are discussed from all poets, time periods, and points of view.

631-749-0042, shelterislandpubliclibrary.org

#### **GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS** NATIONAL PARK: A LIVE TOUR TUESDAY, JULY 13, 6-7:30 P.M.

Register ahead of time for this special virtual event presented by the Mattituck Laurel Library. A ranger from the Great Smoky Mountains will give you an overview of the park, including its residents and its bears.

631-298-4134, mattitucklaurellibrary.org

## **ART EXHIBITIONS**

## ON VIEW THROUGH AUGUST.

This summer, artist John Pagliaro affords us a unique opportunity to view sets. The exhibit is on display in the

16 South Ferry Road, Shelter Island. 631-749-0025, shelterislandhistorical.org

### **OUT & ABOUT ON THE EAST END**



**PLUSH AND PLAYMOBIL AT STEVENSON'S TOYS & GAMES** 

**CURATED BY REBEKAH YAHOVES** 

## TOP 5 FAMILY EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK:

#### HAMPTONS PREP MOMMY & ME MUSIC CLASS

MONDAY, JULY 12, 10-10:45 A.M. Littles from six months to four years old will relish this opportunity to perform songs, music, and fun with puppets. And all against the beauty of verdant Hamptons backdrop. The cost

is \$40 per child, and you can register

51 Pond Lane, Southampton. 917-540-5668, joinhamptonsprep.com

### SUMMER ICAMP

ahead of time online.

JULY 12-16, 9 A.M.-3 P.M.

Students will work on projects involving drones, filmmaking, and coding, followed by "passion projects" in which they are guided by a mentor. These could involve creating a costume, building a catapult, or making a website. Kiddos will spend at least half the day outdoors, where they will learn and create in the Hamptons sun. 60 Millstone Road, Bridgehampton. 631-466-5298, icamp.com

#### **TOD SQUAD ADVENTURE CAMP**

JULY 12-16, 12:30-2:30 P.M.

Tots ages two through five will jump at the opportunity to learn about group sports and teamwork in a fun environment. Games and music are also part of the fun. You can email or call to register for \$300 per week. 48 Foster Avenue, Bridgehampton.

631-537-3008, meredith@ dancestudio3.com, dancestudio3.com

#### TIE-DYE BEACH TOWEL

TUESDAY, JULY 13, 1-2 P.M.

Young crafters from fifth through twelfth grade will appreciate to opportunity to create a vivid design for a beach towel. You can sign up on the at Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library website for this free event!

2755 Main Road, Cutchogue. 631-734-6360, cutchoguelibrary.org

## STORYTIME LIVE! AT THE QUOGUE LIBRARY

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 11 A.M.

Tots ages 3-6 will enjoy this fun and interactive outdoor storytime activity. Your child will learn literacy skills and social awareness while they listen. 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. 631-653-4224, quoguelibrary.org

#### FUN FAMILY ATTRACTIONS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK:

## AMAGANSETT BEACH AND BICYCLE

Pedal-loving tots will love the opportunity to rent bikes along with their family for half-days, days, or even weeks at a time. Kids' bikes, baby seats, and baskets are all available.

1 Cross Highway, Amagansett. 631-267-6325, amagansettbeachco.com

#### BUDDHABERRY

Your mini-gourmets will have a ball at this taste concerto of crepes, waffles, and frozen yogurt. And don't cour forget about the old-fashioned candy store right inside the cafe.

125 Main Street, Sag
Harbor. 631-808-3888, buddhaberry.

## GREENPORT CAROUSEL

com

Enjoy family fun in Greenport with this 100-year-old carousel for only \$2 a ride. Through Labor Day weekend, you can visit the attraction every day from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

115 Front Street, Greenport. 631-477-2200, villageofgreenport.org

#### HELLENIC SNACK BAR

Kiddos who like to sample a little treat outside will eat up a trip to the Hellenic Snack Bar, where they can play outdoors after finishing up their meals. The menu includes homemade lemonade and kiddie favorites like hot dogs and tuna melts.

5145 Main Road, East Marion. 631-477-0138, thehellenic.com

#### JOHN'S DRIVE-IN

Outdoor and indoor seating, as well as online ordering, are now part of the juicy fun at this joint known for its hand-pressed burgers and homespun ice cream. Your littles will love sampling old-fashioned treats like milk-shakes, floats, and malteds.

577 Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-5515, johnsdriveinmontauk. com

#### LEWIN FARMS

Your kids will love to pick their own raspberries, blueberries, and peaches every day except Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. There's also a farm stand offering fresh and juicy fruits and veggies. The farm only accepts cash, but there's an ATM on the premises.

812 Sound Avenue, Calverton. 631-929-4327, lewinfarm.com

#### LONG ISLAND GAME FARM

Your visit here includes giraffes, zebras, baby goats, and much more. Enjoy lunch at the snack bar or a pony ride with your tots. The farm is open every day until October. The hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. You can also visit from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on the weekends.

489 Chapman Boulevard, Manorville. 631-878-6644, longislandgamefarm.com

#### SOUTHAMPTON GOLF RANGE

Check out this 18-hole mini-golf course complete with batting cages and a driving range. You can

also stop by the snack bar for some classic burgers and fries.

699 County Road 39, Southampton. 631-283-2158, facebook.com/ SouthamptonGolfRange

### SPLISH SPLASH

If your kids can't get enough summer splashy fun, visit this popular waterpark that's open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. most weekdays, and until 7 p.m. on the weekends. There's also a Kiddie area for your tiniest adventurers. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time online, with season tickets and group discounts available.

2549 Splish Splash Drive, Calverton. 631-727-3600, splishsplash.com

#### STEVENSON'S TOY STORE

If you're looking for something cool with your tiny tourists, check out this local gem with vintage options such as pinball and Packman arcades, table tennis and pool scooters.

69 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-2111, stevensonstoys.com

## OOD & DRINK

## TownLine BBQ Chef, Napeague Dining & More

BY HARRY POWERS

Chef William Valentine began his career in culinary in the late '80s at Johnson & Wales College in Providence, Rhode Island with an associate degree in culinary arts. After he completed his studies, he continued his culinary practice as a sous chef and eventually landed himself a position as an executive chef at the Checkers Hotel Kempinski in Los Angeles, California. After two years he went on to become the executive chef and general manager at The Maidstone Arms Inn & Restaurant, in East Hampton. During his years there, the classic country inn received appraisals from the Teller as "one of the best hotels in America" and nominated "Top Ten Best Country Inns in America" by German Vogue Magazine.

In August of 2004, Chef William went on to become one of the founders and corporate executive chef at The Really Cool Foods Company. His role there required him to be responsible for the supervision and direction of the R&D team that developed over 3,000 organic and natural food recipes before the opening of a kitchen facility in Syosset, followed by the construction of the present, larger facility in Cambridge City, Indiana.

He returned to the East End and became a consultant (Valentine Culinary Consulting) to various restaurants across Long Island helping them refine menus, plate presentations and general kitchen consulting. Of late, he's found a home at Town-Line BBQ in Sagaponack where he reigns as the pitmaster.

To the uninitiated, there's a littleknown Restaurant Row out east in an area known as the Napeague Stretch. Located between Amagansett and Montauk, you'll find five solid stops on Napeague (pronounced Nah-PEEG) which is a low-lying, flat straight-away bordered by Napeague Harbor on the left and the Atlantic Ocean on the right. Heading east from Amagansett, you'll find The Lobster Roll (aka LUNCH)-the first restaurant on the right-and they've been serving solid summer

eats since 1965. Day trippers enjoy classic hot or cold lobster rolls and a variety of seafood bites, salads, chowders, and desserts on their shaded patio and picnic tables

designed to take on the summer

Just a bit further up the road on the left is the Clam Bar-now celebrating its 40th year in business. Their signature vellow-striped umbrellas adorn their outdoor seating area that's usually flooded with both locals, visitors and the occasional celebrity seeking the best lobster rolls and oysters on the East End. The Clam Bar is another casual and iconic mainstay of the East End that has "a come as you are vibe" loved by all. Their lobster roll routinely makes every editor's "best of" pick and Martha Stewart once had her birthday party there!

Best Pizza & Dive Bar has all you could want for a night out, great pizza, cold drinks, and good music. Enjoy live sports streamed from their multiple flat screens while noshing on some really good pizza.

After a night out there's nothing your body craves more than a greasy B.E.C. (bacon, egg and cheese) and if you came to the Hamptons and didn't have a Goldberg's Bagel, did you even visit? Choose from bagels and flats and top them off with their incredible schmears and spreads, they even have vegan options like tofu cream cheese and vegan sausage!

Last stop on "The Stretch" is Morty's Oyster Stand which has more to offer than just fresh oysters! Alongside their seafood offerings like tuna poke tostada and seafood pasta (made with handmade pasta), their cocktail menu is another enticing feature of the restaurant. On a sunny day one can sip on frozen and specialty cocktails while dining on their umbrella shaded patio or outdoor bar. Pro tip: get a dozen local oysters-one can't get fresher!

It's summer on the East End, which means dining on the water is at its peak. This week, we'll recap the South Fork and starting in Montauk, there are two excellent options: Duryea's Lobster Deck and Navy Beach-both of which aren't that far from each other-on Napeague Bay. Try the lobster roll



TOWNLINE BBQ PITMASTER BILL VALENTINE

(of course) at Duryea's and the buttermilk fried chicken at Navy Beach. Further west, one can grab a bite at the ever popular Bostwick's on the Harbor, which features an elevated view and plenty of seafood dishes. Pro tip: boaters can also pull up to East Hampton Town Dock, a mere 50 yards from the restaurant. As one cruises down Three Mile Harbor, you'll find Harbor Bistro. Chef/owner Damien O'Donnell serves up an eclectic Asian-inspired menu. Try the tuna poke. Right next door is EHP Resort & Marina and its new Mediterranean eatery, Si Si. All of the aforementioned are perfects spots for sunset too!

Sag Harbor has no shortage of restaurants close to the water: There's the reliable Dockside Bar & Grill, Le Bilboquet and The Dock House, all of which are right on Long Wharf. The Beacon has

an ideal sunset view and its sister restaurant over in Noyac, the Bell & Anchor is located in the Mill Creek Marina. If you find yourself there, order the "Old School" garganelli, which features lobster, corn, basil and saffron courtesy of chef and coowner, Sam McCleland. Plus, they've just added outdoor dining!

Nestled in a sleepy cove in equally sleepy Shelter Island, you'll find Salt Restaurant located in the Island Boatyard and Marina, one of Shelter Island's mainstays.

There's plenty of waterside dining opportunities in Hampton Bays, too. Check out the clam fritters at Canal Café the jumbo diver scallops at Cowfish and local clams on the half shell at Oakland's Restaurant & Marina. Nearby, Sundays on the Bay, is also an option. Enjoy the blue water views!

Liberté, égalité et fraternité! La

Fin in Montauk will be celebrating Bastille Day, on Wednesday, July 14 with some French-inspired food and drinks: Oysters, caviar, and blinis as well as a French wine flight featuring Sancerre, a rosé from Provence, and Burgundy Pinot Noir. There will also be two special cocktailsa French 75 and a Kir Royale. All of these will be available a l a carte in addition to the regular dinner menu. Vive la France!

Did You Know That: You can buy bottles of La Fondita's house made salsas to enjoy at home, numbered in order of "Hotness," salsa verde no. 3, salsa de pipian no. 5, salsa de chipotle no. 7, and salsa de habanero no. 8.

Fun Food Facts: On July 11, 1792, the first issue of the Farmer's Almanac was published by Robert Bailey Thomas now called Old Farmer's Almanac.

Quote of the Week: "A man seldom thinks with more earnestness of anything than he does of his dinner." ~Samuel Johnson

Got a restaurant news item or tip? Email us at dansfoodseen@gmail. com!

**TOWNLINE SMOKED CHICKEN** 



THE CLAM BAR LOBSTER ROLL

## Recipe:

## Bill Valentine's TownLine Smoked Chicken



BY HARRY POWERS

#### **TOWNLINE SMOKED CHICKEN**

- 2 Natural Whole Frying Chicken
- 1 qt hot tap water
- 1 qt ice water
- 2 oz salt
- 4 oz sugar
- 1 oz chili powder
- Blended oil (to rub the chickens)

Salt and black pepper to taste (can purchase at the restaurant) or use you own secret rub.

### Procedure

Spatchcock and Brine the Chickens:

Remove the backbone from the 2 chickens and clean any excess fat. Splay the chickens. This is called Spatchcock.

In a vessel that can hold the chickens, add in the hot tap water, salt, sugar, and chili powder. Stir to dissolve.

Pour in the ice water.

Add in the chickens.

Submerge the chickens into the brine. Place into the refrigerator for at least 12 hours and no longer than 2 days

Smoking:

Remove the chickens from the brine and discard the brine.

With a paper towel blot the chickens dry. Rub the chickens down with the oil.

Season the chickens liberally with the salt and pepper.

Season the chickens liberally with the TownLine BBQ rub (contrary to its name rarely do you ever rub, sprinkle works fine!)

Over a Hickory or white oak wood fire set the smoker temp to 225F

Place the chickens skin side up in the smoker and smoke for approximately 2-3 hours depending on size, or until a thermometer reaches 165F internal temp in the thickest part of the breast.

Let the chickens rest. About 7 minutes.

Cut the chickens up, and serve with some Cole slaw, pickles, beans.

#### **Optional**

For a crispy skin:

Warm a cast iron skillet on the stove on medium heat with a good film of oil.

Gently place the chicken in the skillet skin side down and pan fry until the chicken is crispy.

### DAN'S TARRE FEEDO & DITTING

## Broadway Opens at Calissa in Water Mill This Summer

BY DAVID TAYLOR

I f you've spent any time on the East End, then you're no stranger to live music at restaurants, wineries and the like—local singer-songwriter serenading guests as they sip, eat and enjoy. This year, the Calissa restaurant is elevating the concept to a thrillingly high level, with famous Broadway stars gracing the Water Mill stage every week this summer as they warm up for the grand reopening of Broadway this fall.

Presented by Civetta Hospitality partners James Mallios, Monagan, Tanya Saxena and Michael Van Kampand produced by Justin Smith, concertmaster of Broadway's Dear Evan Hansen-Broadway Out East is a can't-miss series of outdoor performances by some of Broadway's most talented stars. The allstar lineup was designed to feature "people who are in the moment" and to "reflect a wide variety of people," Mallios notes, adding that the lighting and sound for the series also feature Broadway talent. Each performer will present two shows, one at 5 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday evenings through September 2, and each 5 p.m. showtime will offer parents discounted tickets for children under 12.

"When Broadway closed, I realized how serious the pandemic was, and Broadway coming back is like a real part of New York coming back, and not just New York City but New York State," says Mallios. "It's one of the few things, maybe the only thing, that you can't find anywhere else. You can find museums and restaurants somewhere else, but there's truly only one Broadway, maybe in the world."

Broadway Out East kicks off with American Idol legend and recording artist Clay Aiken on July 15, followed by Grammy Award winner and current Tony Award nominee Elizabeth Stanley from Jagged Little Pill on July 22. Grammy nominee Jessica Vosk of Wicked and Bridges of Madison County fame will sing on July 29, with Tony-nominated



**TITUSS BURGESS** 

Tootsie star Lilli Cooper taking the stage on August 5. After Cooper is Tony nominee Brandon Victor Dixon from FOX's "Rent: Live" and NBC's "Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert" on August 12, Broadway's Tonynominated power couple Orfeh and Andy Karl of *Pretty Woman*, Legally Blonde and Saturday Night Fever on August 19 and three-time Tony

Apple TV's See and Netflix's Tick, Tick...Boom! on August 26. The series culminates in a sure-tobe-unforgettable performance by five-time Emmy nominee, star of Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt and Broadway titan Tituss Burgess on September 2.

nominee Joshua Henry from

Tickets start at \$75, and 25% of proceeds will benefit different local charities, many of which are arts-based, each night. Guests will also have the option to order dinner from a special event menu, which adds local oysters, premium raw bar items and bubbles from Veuve Clicquot and Ruinart to the alady expansive Mediterranean

"I remember going to Mykonos piano bars with friends of mine, with singers singing show tunes, and it's probably not something everyone thinks of when they go to the Greek islands, but it's very much a part of my memory," Mallios adds. "I feel like in Southampton, there's oftentimes not as robust a music scene as there is elsewhere on Long Island for whatever reason, and we're excited to offer more to the community."

With this in mind, the Civetta Hospitality partners also recently announced Calissa Sounds, a collaboration with BCL Entertainment featuring eight weekly performances by some of the biggest names in the music industry. The series launches with Wyclef Jean on Friday, July 16, and continues with Bob Moses Club Set on July 23, Armand Van Helden on July 30, Capital Cities DJ Set on August 6, Questlove on August 13, Rev Run X Ruckus on August 20, DJ Cassidy on August 27. The epic series conclusion comes when St. Lucia and RAC perform their first-ever collaborative DJ set at Calissa on September 3. Performances start at 10 p.m., with bottle service and dinner offered until midnight.

Calissa is located at 1020 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. For tickets to Broadway Out East, reservations for Calissa Sounds and more information, visit calissahamptons.com.







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#### Dan's Taste 2021 Chefs Countdown:

# Jennilee Morris, Grace & Grit Events

vid North Fork party-throwers A (and -goers) have undoubtedly been amazed by Grace & Grit Events' boutique catering services at one party or another, and Dan's Taste guests have also been treated to these flavorful dishes at several events over the years. This August, co-owner Chef Jennilee Morris will make an appearance at Dan's GrillHampton to try and help Team Hamptons secure victory over Team NYC.

#### First word (or words) that comes to mind when you hear "Taste of Summer?"

Lobster, watermelon, corn on the cob and sparkling wine.

#### Where do you draw your inspiration from?

I'm constantly inspired by how food (when cooked with love) has the ability to bring people and communities together.

#### You can invite three people, living or dead, to your dinner party. Who are they, and what would that meal be?

I would invite my father, who passed away when I was younger, and I would cook him whatever he wanted. And I would cook it with my whole heart.

#### What's your favorite dish to prepare, and do you enjoy eating it as much as preparing it?

My favorite dish to prepare is making pasta from scratch and then going to a local farm stand to pick out the freshest produce to put in it. When cooking for myself, I love to start at a farm stand without a plan and let the ingredients lead the way. And yes, I enjoy eating it just as much as preparing it!

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

Always choose love over fear. Always.

#### Who do you most admire in the food/wine world and why?

I admire Cheryl Stair from Art of Eating, because she has stayed committed and driven to her craft for longer than anyone else I know, and



**CHEF JENNILEE MORRIS OF GRACE & GRIT** 

she inspired me to start Grace & Grit Events 10 years ago.

#### What is going to be the "next big thing" on the East End food

I'm really excited to see how plantbased eating takes off and evolves over the next few years on the East End. Currently, I'm working on steering

my coffee shops (North Fork Roasting Co.) menus in this direction, incorporating more vegan and vegetarian options.

What are your passions hobbies, and interests outside the world of food, wine and work?

I love being on a boat, tinkering on machines, fixing things, fishing and all things nature.

DansTaste.com

#### What's your comfort food and

Coffee, pizza and more coffee.

If you were not in the food or wine business, what would you be doing?

That's a tough one! Maybe I would be a carpenter.

#### What is the most memorable thing you've ever tasted?

My first proper cappuccino and a true Neapolitan pie in Italy.

#### What recent travels have you taken that have inspired you?

Recently, I went on a road trip to the Southwest where I had the most amazing corn and green chili tamales in Tucson, AZ. The food of the Southwest was just so vibrant and inspiring

#### What do vou consider vour greatest achievement?

Being brave enough to learn and grow from my failures.

#### What's a unique kitchen ritual you practice?

When I'm not at work, I am literally the slowest cook. Ha!

#### What has surprised you the most about working in the East End culinary scene?

The great staffing shortage of 2021!

#### What is your go-to karaoke

Easy: "These Boots Were Made for Walking" by Nancy Sinatra.

#### It's your last weekend on earthwhat's the menu?

Boiled Maine lobster, fresh corn on the cob, local grilled vegetables and hand-cut French fries with a lemon caper aioli. Dessert: Strawberry shortcake.

#### We just handed you a glass of bubbly. Now please make a toast to summer on the East End.

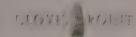
Cheers to enjoying the beauty of the East End and all it has to offer! Oh, and be nice to the people that feed you.

For tickets and more information on all Dan's Taste 2021 events, visit DansTaste.com. And to learn more about Grace & Grit Events, visit graceandgritevents.com.





























#### **GUEST CHEFS**

Chef/Owner Zach Erdem, 75 Main
Chef Raul Cruz, Bamboo
Chef Dominic Rice, Calissa
Chef Ursula XVII, Disset Chocolate
Chef Steven Amaral, North Fork Chocolate Company
Chef Sameer Mohan, Saaz Indian Cuisine
Chef Elyse Richman, Shock Ice Cream
Chef Spiro Karachopan, Spiro's
Chef Scott Kampf, Union Sushi & Steak
Chef Ed McFarland, Ed's Lobster Bar
Chef Evan Sayer, NAIA Hamptons

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This year the event will be hosted at Nova's Ark Project, which is the Hampton's largest privately owned sculpture park & art center, featuring the works of founder Nova Mihai Popa.

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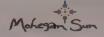












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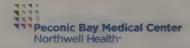


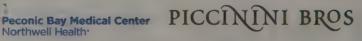
















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#### NYC

Cenobio Canalizo, Morgan's Brooklyn BBQ Jase Franklyn, Jase's BBQ Mark Rosati, Shake Shack Matthew Fisher, Queens Custom BBQ Mike DeFonzo, Gotham Burger Social Club

#### **HAMPTONS**

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Cori Ann & Randy Kopke, Backyard Brine
James Walsh, Clarkson on Ave Crumb
Kait Kelly, Hen of the Woods
Madeline Kiss, Madeline The Baker
Mike Jeanty, Claudio's
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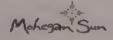


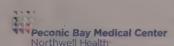
















#### DAN'S TASTE: FOOD & DRINK

#### Dan's Taste 2021 Chefs Countdown:

# Guy Reuge, Mirabelle Restaurant

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First word (or words) that comes to mind when you hear "Taste of Summer?"

This year would be welcome back to summer fun.

#### Where do you draw your inspiration from?

Everywhere at any time it's great to put a new idea in practice and see the result.

# You can invite three people, living or dead, to your dinner party. Who are they, and what would that meal be?

I always wanted to cook for President Obama. I would let him pick two guests, as well, and I will cook sturgeon with a leek and ginger fondue served with oeuf brouille in the shell, topped with caviar; seared squab breast, leg confit, vanilla poached peach, chanterelle timbale with port scented jus; and apricot tartlet with caramelized marcona almond and black currant sorbet.

What's your favorite dish to prepare, and do you enjoy eating it as much as preparing it?

There's no favorite dish for me—the time, market or the season dictate my taste and, of course, I have to eat it.

#### What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

That there is always room for improvement, to never be totally happy

with a dish as it can always be better, and to never forget the little details.

#### Share your funniest, most unforgettable or oddest kitchen incident.

During the long days of winter at the old Mirabelle, one of my waiters asked me to paint a balloon with chocolate in order to deflate the balloon as the chocolate would get hard and obtain a round and hollow ball of chocolate. I let him do it. As the balloon got almost completed with the kitchen staff intensively watching, a sudden burst of the balloon send the chocolate to his face and all over the kitchen as our waiter was left with a small piece of rubber stuck between two fingers. We had a good laugh before cleaning the whole kitchen.

#### Who do you most admire in the food/wine world and why?

I am always amazed by a great food/ wine pairing. It is hard to achieve but it can be very rewarding to the sense of taste.

## What is going to be the "next big thing" on the East End food scene?

What is it today? I do not gamble on this, as I do not know, trends come and go.

What are your hobbies, passions and interests outside the world of food, wine and work?

Traveling and writing.

Travel helps me on getting new unexplored ideas around food and technics new to me. Writing in English is a challenge for me (not my mother tongue), but I love to go deeper in a language that I learn to love.

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What's your comfort food and why?



**CHEF GUY REUGE** 

A roasted farm-raised chicken with vegetables cooked with it does the trick for me. It is simple and always good,

### If you were not in the food or wine business, what would you be doing?

I would be a photojournalist. Photography was my hobby for many years, and I am proud of some pictures I took in the 1970s—New York (Harlem, the Lower East Side), the desert of Morocco and other places.

#### What is the most memorable thing you've ever tasted?

A clover-studded sweetbread at Freddy Girardet in Crissier.

#### What recent travels have you taken that have inspired you?

No travel lately because of COVID but finding myself on the coast of Croatia two years ago extended my knowledge of Mediterranean cuisine.

#### What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Training and forming young chefs who became Michelin starred or leaders of great restaurants in America.

What's a unique kitchen ritual you practice?

Tasting the food you prepare should be rigorously done, and every day I make sure that my staff does it.

## What has surprised you the most about working in the East End culinary scene?

It's not a surprise but simply the camaraderie of every chef involved in programs such as Dan's Taste of Two Forks.

#### What is your go-to karaoke song?

Wishing I could sing better, I would pick any Beatles song.

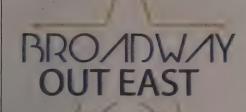
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Where do you draw your inspiration from?

From the world around me and tasting new flavors.

You can invite three people, living or dead, to your dinner party. Who are they, and what would that meal be?

My Father, Adele and Barack Obama. Family style meal at a round table. On the menu: Bruschetta brushed with Ricotta and pancetta; sweet pea and mozzarella stuffed arancini topped with marinara sauce; spaghetti cacio e pepe; Italian ribeye steak; and biscotti with coffee and vin santo.

What's your favorite dish to prepare, and do you enjoy eating it as much as preparing it?

My favorite dishes to prepare and to eat are: 3. pizza, 2. lasagna, 1. biscotti. I could eat these dishes every day if I weren't concerned about my health.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

For every right, you have an obligation.

Share your funniest, most unforgettable or oddest kitchen incident.

The time I forgot to change the speed to the mixer after adding dry ingredients to the batter, and I turned on the mixer. I was left in a cloud of flour.

Who do you most admire in the food/wine world and why?

When someone takes a chance to create something different out of a traditional dish and it inspires a new generation of creativity

What is going to be the "next big thing" on the East End food scene?

Of course, biscotti but also locally grown seaweed.

What are your hobbies, passions and interests outside the world of food, wine and work?

Abstract painting, long-distance running and philanthropy.

What's your comfort food and why?

Pizza, because it hits every note and is highly satisfying.

If you were not in the food or wine business, what would you be doing?

My favorite dishes to prepare and to eat are:

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What is the most memorable thing you've ever tasted?

Gajar ka Halwa—Punjabi-style carrot pudding I ate at a truck stop along a highway in India in 2007— unforgettable!!

What recent travels have you taken that have inspired you?

Milan in 2019—the love for Italian comfort food like pasta bolognese.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Ability to help people get through challenging periods.

What has surprised you the most about working in the East End culinary scene?

How willing everyone is to help the next person.

What is your go-to karaoke song?

"Sweet Child O' Mine" by Guns N' Roses.

It's your last weekend on earth—what's the menu?

Wine and beer, pizza, lasagna, veal parmigiana, sfogliatelle, biscotti and latte.

We just handed you a glass of bubbly. Now please make a toast to summer on the East End.

May the North and South Fork come together for great local food and drink made with lots of love.

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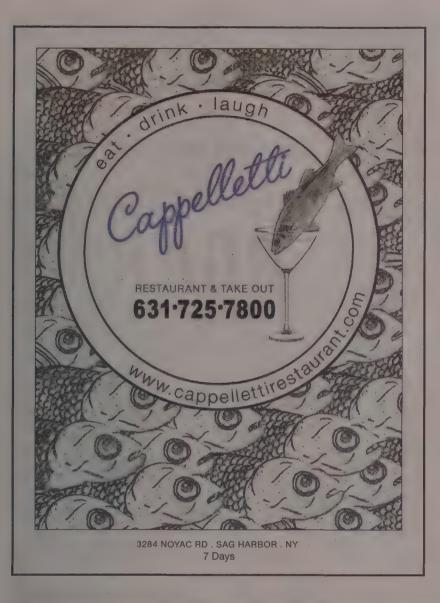
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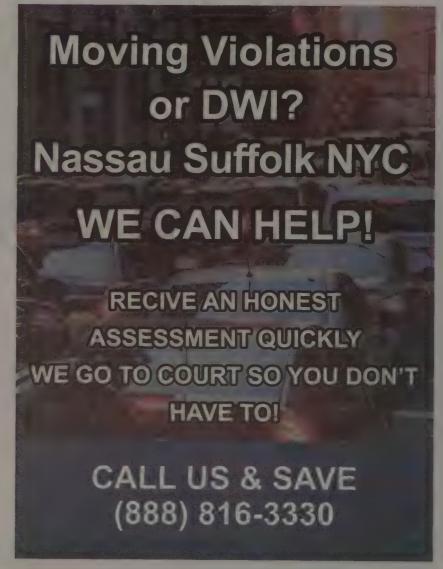
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Up at Bat:

# Melissa Errico

In recognition of Dan's presenting sponsorship of the East Hampton Artists & Writers Charity Softball Game on August 21, we are giving local artists and writers a free rein to write whatever they want in this space for the summer.

Actors turn night into day. Our lives on the stage have this effect. This is a story of how I have used a showgirl's wisdom—or is it madness?—to turn winter into summer.

In September 2019, I found myself overworked, and down with a painful case of shingles, having sung concerts all summer followed by autumn dates in London and Paris. I was aware of my good fortune in being able to sing, and I accepted every gig. The schedule also allowed me to be with my daughters—racing home to take care of them while switching rental gowns, rummaging through piles of sheet music, and throwing high heels into another rolling suitcase.

By a series of odd chances, I found myself seeking respite on a Greek island, with a stout, warm-eyed woman named Ifegenia, the owner of a charming coffee shop, for my landlady. The room was 10 by 10 with a minuscule balcony, heavy French doors and a view of a bustling harbor. It was so pretty I had to shake my head to believe I was awake. I was in a postcard. I got home at the end of September and felt I had salvaged a summer, with that mere week of alone time and sunshine.

As I write this, summer 2021 is beginning and I have July in my hand, turning it over like a stone in ocean water. Will I grasp this fall for my summer? Perhaps. Mine is an actress' life that has already for decades turned most nights into days. I begin to wake, to prepare, as others begin to slow down mid-afternoon. When others go to bed, I am still on stage.

Last summer was the same—a summer I missed. I rented a house on the East End that could accommodate our three rambunctious girls. I call them "Little Women" after the novel—they were 11, 11 and 13—with some COVID-tested and quarantined friends, mak-



MELISSA ERRICO

ing something of a summer camp. I led art classes and we cooked and they took Zoom ballet. It was a robust summer in a blur of dirty dishes, loads of laundry and illicit (I don't have a pass) trips to the beach. They were very tolerant when I asked them to read a scene from "Little Women" out on the grass. Rolling their eyes, they gave this Marmee a little pleasure.

By September, I heard of a cottage for rent, and I found time to come out for a few days at a time. It was Greece over a coffee shop all over again. I loved the empty bay beach, sometimes taking a bath in the largest moon I had ever seen, which sat right on its horizon. I rescued summer by grabbing at the leftover pieces of sunshine and pockets of warm water.

I stepped into the sea as I had in Greece—hesitant on stones, and glad, once I bought little plastic swim shoes. My wetsuit let me swim until December. I met a local fisherman and called him the "King of the Beach" because he kept his chair and fire pit there. That made him laugh. The sea and the faces of others who shared that sea stayed with me. I was in a kind of summer trance for the few weeks I used that house. I even made a music video by the sea, serving as my own cinematographer and audio engineer.

My children came out for a few weekends, and I was happy. I told them "See? This is really me. This is your wild mommy." I got more cheap wet suits and they swam in freezing water.

Summer is now, again. Maybe I can remember before it becomes October. And maybe my true lesson to my daughters is a traveling performer's lesson: day can be night, summer, winter. Seize on an impromptu offer to find your postcard-paradise.

Melissa Errico is a Tony-nominated actress and singer. She has written The Acting Life series of essays for The New York Times; the most recent was Back In The Girdle, and chronicled her return to the concert stage. She is currently working on a book, and an album of film noir-inspired music. Her Twitter is @melissa\_errico.

# Alexa Ray Joel:

#### New Love Song 'Seven Years' Connects with Listeners

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

There is something boldly refreshing about Alexa Ray Joel. Even if she describes herself as "an introvert by nature."

Maybe it's the way she wears her incurably romantic heart on her vintage sleeve.

Her new single "Seven Years," a "very transparent love letter" to her fiancé Ryan Gleason, is getting a lot of attention. Released in April on all streaming platforms, the song already has over 600,000 downloads.

"I had never written a song that had quite encapsulated my relationship as deeply," says Joel. "I wrote about the highs, lows, the beauty and pain of being with someone for that long ... I wanted it to resonate with people who understand the struggle and success of making it over the long haul," she adds.

Her meticulous commitment to craft and her artistic instincts run deep.

"There was something telling me, 'You need to get this out to the world, you need to record this,'" says Joel, who created and produced both the artful music video and a cinematic lyric video meant as a "tribute to New York City with very iconic images."

Active on her Instagram, where she shares her songs, clips, poetry and photographs all linked up to her bio, Joel has a strong relationship with her fans.

"I'm really glad the song is resonating with so many people," she says. "I'm getting messages online from people saying they are playing it at their wedding—it's very gratifying."

And then there is her honesty.

"I know that my appearance will always be compared to my mother, and



ALEXA RAY JOEL HAS A NEW SINGLE, "SEVEN YEARS"

My whole childhood, when

I think of it, I was

singing with my parents.

my talent will always be compared to my father," says Joel.

An accomplished singer/song-

writer with a lush, versatile, rangy voice and a talent for melodic, poptheatrical compositions, she is, of course (to quote from the first paragraph in her bio), "the daughter of legendary musician Billy Joel and supermodel/actress Christie Brinkley"—an unavoidable fact that she has seemingly come to terms with.

"In a way it's both a blessing and a curse because my parents are the most—and I'm not just saying this to be biased and because I'm their daughter—they are the most talented, brilliant people in and of themselves," says Joel.

"Growing up with them ... before I knew they were famous, I thought I was the star," she says. Joel credits her parents with instilling her with "a really strong background in musical theater."

"My dad was always playing The Sound of Music or My Fair Lady," says Joel. "He always said, 'the most beautiful music is from Carousel' ... my Mom is every musical ... she would dress me up as Liesl in The Sound of Music."

"I have so much to thank my parents for in terms of the fact that they always encouraged me creatively ... my whole childhood, when I think of it, I was singing with my parents," says Joel.

"I think the part where it gets tricky is overcoming certain labels when people say, 'Oh, she's a product of nepotism' and all that ... it's almost made me more hard on myself as an artist because I'm such a control freak about my work. With this song I worked on it for months, wanting it to be perfect, knowing that it was going to be inevitably compared to my father's material."

Joel has had musical residences at iconic venues such as the Carlyle Hotel and the Oak Room at the Algonquin

Hotel. She has performed locally at The Stephen Talkhouse. And has gotten on the stage at Madison Square Garden to sing a song with her father.

"My father, as a songwriter, set the bar pretty damn high," she says, with a laugh. "It's like, 'Okay, am I there yet?' And of course that's the beauty of the struggle, too."

We caught up with Alexa Ray Joel via phone from Out East, where she says she is "lucky to be out in Sag Harbor" summering with her Mom.

You live in New York City and eventually came out here to quarantine. How does it feel being back Out East?

I'm a local out here. This is where I grew up, so for me, it's a lot of nostalgia and comfort in being home and being close to the water.

I love my town of Sag Harbor – I remember the "Save Sag Harbor" years ago. I was lucky enough to organize and raise funds with April Gornik. I'm all about keeping things local and not bringing in any big chain stores into our town.

#### What inspired you to write "Seven Years?"

Ryan proposed to me on the beach as the sun was setting in Parrot Cay (Turks and Caicos) on New Year's Eve (in 2018). He said he had the ring in his pocket for a year (laughs) waiting for the right moment. A lot of little things that added up ... those little thoughtful trinkets in time that weave a story together—that was the story I wanted to tell.

#### Did you (or Ryan) feel at all self conscious about the song, and sharing it?

No. We had a discussion about it up front – I asked him, 'Are you okay with some darker lines (in the verses)?' He said, 'I don't want this to be a Hallmark card. I don't think you should have to sugarcoat anything in this song.'

It actually felt very healing with everything I've been through in my relationship to be able to put it out there and to share that with so many other

people who relate to the slow dancing in the kitchen ...

#### When did you start singing and songwriting?

I remember my parents singing me goodnight with Beatles songs and I remember they used to take me to the carousel in Central Park and I would sing along to the songs — so I think that it is ingrained, and it is inevitable and I think that the key when you're in a position like mine. I know I'm not the only daughter or child (of famous parents) who obviously struggles with this. you really can't compare yourself too much and you just have to listen to yourself.

My father always says to me, 'You have to treat your song like your baby.' It's precious and you can't let anyone mess with your baby, you just have to care about the art and if you care about the art and you have a vision and you want to see that vision through, that's really all that matters.

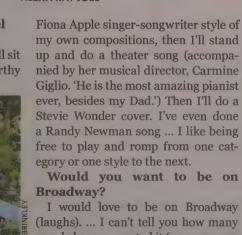
In terms of my image and my persona that all comes from me. It's so important as an artist, you can never let anyone control or steal or try to exploit your vision ... I try to be true to myself and my own vision and people can make of that what they like.

#### What was your parents' reaction to "Seven Years?"

They are really proud and so supportive. My Dad called me — he is generally not an overly enthusiastic person as he has seen it all at this point — he called me up when he heard what I went through so many phases mastering the song—and he said, 'This is f—ing great!' He was really enthused. My mother, of course, is also such a pure romantic at heart. She was blasting it in the house

#### What's an Alexa Ray Joel show/set like?

Very eclectic. At the Carlyle I will sit at the piano and do more of an earthy



I would love to be on Broadway (laughs). ... I can't tell you how many people have suggested it (a one-person show). I think there would be nothing I would love more than to do a one-woman Broadway show...

People say, "Well, she couldn't possibly, you know, maybe have anything new to bring to the table" because my

parents are such stars, and even to this day I still am like, "Will I ever write a song as good as 'Summer, Highland Falls?' You cannot compare." ... I do think that I have quite a story to tell, particularly my fairy tale childhood growing up here on Further Lane in East Hampton ...

I guess you could say I never really felt like I belonged anywhere, but music is home to me and I do feel like a sense of belonging as long as I'm singing or creating.

Alexa Ray Joel's new single "Seven Years" is available on all streaming platforms (Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon, etc). The music video and lyric video are on YouTube. For all things Alexa Ray Joel, visit her Instagram @alexarayjoel. Her website is alexarayjoel.com.



ALEXA RAY JOEL



ALEXA RAY JOEL, HER MOM CHRISTIE BRINKLEY, AND JOEL'S FIANCE, RYAN GLEASON

# The Blessing of Water



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#### Father Constantine Lazarakis

A mong the myriad blessings of visiting or living on the East End, is our extraordinary access to some of the world's most beautiful water. From Westhampton to Montauk, the beaches, the surfing, the fishing; it's the stuff of legend. Lackadaisical summer days of sun and

sand give way to clam bakes and bond fires with picturesque pink and purple skies as the sun dips below the Atlantic horizon. Agawam Lake is the centerpiece of Southampton Village, and our lush greenery, fertile land, and incredible farming culture with its superb local produce are the result our nutrient rich soil, and abundant fresh water.

I am reminded of King David's 104th Psalm, "How many are your works O Lord! In Wisdom You have made them all," and, "You make springs gush forth ... giving drink to every animal." He goes on to talk about how the water God gives makes the grass grow, gives grain for bread, makes a home in the sea for "innumerable creatures." King David was wonderstruck at the marvels of the natural environment.

Of course, we live in an age when, while we love our days at the beach, our fishing trips, and hikes through the preserves, we also have insatiable appetites electric and gas-powered expansion. Fish kills and algae blooms, sadly, have become routine. If we don't act, individually and collectively, we will lose the already degraded natural resources with which we so blessed.



Rabbi Josh Franklin

I grew up mere blocks from the Hudson River in Yonkers. On a near daily basis, I would look out at the water, transfixed by the

beauty of tides flowing in and out. Despite my proximity, not once did I ever go into the water. Between my childhood house and the river was a sewage plant and a Domino's Sugar factory, two of the many industrial complexes along the coastline of the river towns north of Manhattan. During the 20th century, these factories dumped massive amounts of sewage and chemicals into the Hudson that damaged the water quality and aquatic life. Cleanups of this 200-mile superfund site are still ongoing today.

The Hamptons are home to some of the most serene and picturesque waters of the world. Yet as the man-made rust tides wash in, the blooms of blue-green algae become more common, and as our waters are continually polluted with nitrogen leeching from aging septic systems, I fear that the waters of the Hamptons will, like the Hudson River, become nothing more

than eye-candy. Water is meant to be more than just looked it. In the Jewish tradition we call our natural bodies of water "mayim chaim," living waters. Water is God's gift to us; it nourishes cleanses, and most importantly, it gives us life. This isn't a blessing that we can afford to squander.

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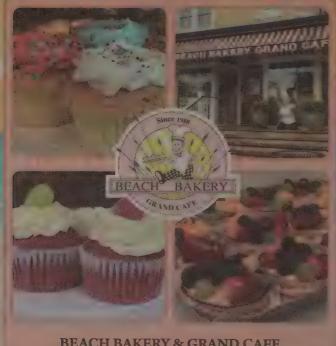


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# Clay Aiken:

#### American Idol Star to Perform in Broadway Out East Series

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

C lay Aiken says he will never forget "the moment backstage before the finale" of *American Idol* with his competitor, Ruben Studdard.

"We were standing back there waiting to walk out for the very last time and find out who won, and Ruben looked at me and said, "Look at us. Two of the least likely people to win this show – look at the two of us, right here," recalls Aiken, with a laugh. "I was like, 'Oh hell, you're right. We did this.' I think we both knew that in itself was kind of something special, too."

That was 20 years ago, and though Studdard beat out Aiken by 134,000 votes out of the 24 million votes cast that night (the two have been good, close friends since), Aiken, who grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina, went on to international stardom, scoring a record deal with RCA, selling millions of records, topping the Billboard charts, touring for years, starring on Broadway in Spamalot and making numerous concert and television appearances. In 2014 he made a run for office to be a U.S. Representative of North Carolina (he won the primary and lost to the incumbent).

These days, Aiken says he doesn't sing much publicly anymore — but on July 15 he will be performing at Calissa, the Mediterranean restaurant in Water Mill, when he kicks off a summer-long series Broadway Out East featuring a star-studded lineup of Broadway artists, musicians and entertainers.

"It's sort of rare, actually," says Aiken, which makes the gig at Calissa that much more of an event. Aiken's "main job at the moment," he says, is raising his 13-year-old son and "singing



CLAY AIKEN

occasionally, depending on how I'm feeling." [He also moderates a weekly political podcast called *How the Heck We All Gonna Get Along?*] When he takes the stage at the outdoor courtyard at Calissa, his fans will be witness to another least likely moment, and a first for Aiken.

"I have not done a public performance this intimate ever before," says

Aiken with a laugh. The shows at Calissa seat 125 people, a far cry from the large venues and concert halls Aiken is used to playing. "I've done a few private events that have been sort of similar, but I've never done anything publicly with just me and piano that's not been in a real theater," he admits. "It's kind of exciting to me and I'm honestly a little bit nervous."

We checked in with Aiken in Raleigh, North Carolina via phone to talk with him about his upcoming gig at Calissa (only his second time in the Hamptons) and what life has been like since *Idol*.

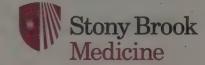
When did you last sing in public, and what brings you out to the Hamptons?

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2015 and not another one until Ruben and I did the show together on Broadway in 2018.

I certainly don't dislike it — I did it for a long time, 11 years on the road. It lost the spark for me and so I don't really have the personality to constantly want to live on the road and be doing it. I stop and after a while I'm like, "You know what, I want to sing," and feel I miss it.

I actually was scheduled to do a theatrical show this summer in Pittsburgh. It was supposed to be last summer and it got canceled and postponed due to COVID and then it got postponed again this summer, and I was like, "crap."

My musical director (Ben Cohn, also the musical director for *Dear Evan Hansen* on Broadway) is friends with the people at Calissa and knew they were doing this series. They had gotten to the point where everyone is — how do we continue to have our business successful and how do we run and operate in this environment?

The fact that this business was trying to make it work with the restrictions that were in place and do these outdoors events and space people correctly – I empathize with that and wanted to be involved and help if I could.

It gave me a chance to do one of those things that people said you can't do — and I said, "Let's go do it." It was an opportunity to finally come out of the house ... I've been vaccinated for quite a while now so I'm getting back to life normally.

Do you know what you'll be singing at Calissa? What do you love to sing?

Not song by song but I think a memory lane through some of the stuff I have recorded (that could mean "The Way," "Invisible," "This Is the Night") and some of the stuff I did on *Idol* probably (his classic "Bridge Over Troubled Water" is a sure bet).

If I'm being completely honest, the truth is I always want to sing Christmas stuff [we laugh] but in a setting like this I really do love the Andy Williams kind of Perry Como, Johnny Matthis type stuff — "It's Impossible" — those types of singers-songs that have always been my favorite to sing, not that I don't like pop stuff but ... there's something about those crooners of the '60s that I love so I imagine there will be several of those.

Do you watch Idol and how

often are you in touch with Ruben?

I talk to Ruben at least every week ... We did the Broadway show together in 2018 we toured together in 2010 ... I cannot think of many people who I work better with.

I haven't watched the show since maybe season 5 ... it's a different show and it's geared to a very young audience now ... this year is the 20th year of *Idol* and next year will be 20 years since I did it.

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After being competitors, why do you think you and Ruben stayed so close—what bonds you?

We both love where we're from — we were so much more competitive over Raleigh versus Birmingham, or North Carolina barbecue versus Alabama barbecue than we ever were against each other ... He would have been happy to have let me win *Idol* if he could prove that Birmingham was better than Raleigh. There was something about that sort of little brotherly competition that we had over our home towns that sort of made us bond.

Plus I was a gay guy who didn't quite realize it yet and therefore I looked like I always had all the pretty girls around me. Ruben will tell you this ... he said, "Whoever this boy is who can get all these hot girls, I want to be his friend." He

didn't quite realize they were my fruit flies...

You came out in 2008 when your son was born – what was the fear about?

I hadn't told my family. I went and told my grandmother a week before the [People] magazine issue came out because I didn't want her to read it there – for the same reason that I think every person even still today has struggles. It's a very personal journey and I didn't really even discover that I was or know and acknowledge that I was until I was on Idol. I joke with people all the time and say everyone in America knew I was gay before I did. [we laugh]

I was afraid to be out in 2004 and 2005. I was scared to death to come out in 2008 and when I did — honest to God — I don't know if I've ever admitted this publicly before. I lost a whole sh-t ton of fans when I came out. A lot. I went from selling out a Broadway show — I was in *Spamalot* and it was sold every night I was in it — and then I came out and they literally had to close less than six months later. I don't think it was all because of me but I'll tell you this, me being out certainly didn't help it.

I don't consider that public journey or the loss of the fans or any of the stuff I guess a lot of people would consider to be negative. I am not a victim of anything and I don't want to be. I'm not one. I feel like, "Who am I to complain about anything?" ... It's a part of growing into a better human to go through trials and then get through them.

Are you seriously nervous about performing at Calissa?

I'm very awkwardly introverted in a lot of settings ... I think this might be the first time I have really done a ticketed-type public performance with an audience that I could see face to face. Holy crap! Now I'm getting really nervous!

I'm going to have to be really careful not to talk too much — it's two shows and they have to turn those tables so I've got to restrict myself. [pauses] I'll figure it out by the second show. [laughs].

Clay Aiken performs at Calissa on Thursday, July 15 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Calissa is located at 1020 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. 631-500-9292. For tickets, and more information about the Broadway Out East series, visit: calissahamptons. com. For more info about Clay Aiken, visit: clayaiken.com

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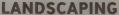
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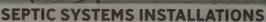
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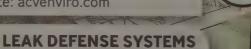


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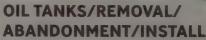
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## Sunshine Solar Technologies Sheds Light on the Best Pool Heating Method

BY DAVID TAYLOR

When it comes to heated pools, many people don't realize that solar heating has quite an edge over other methods. Co-owner of Sunshine Solar Technologies Kevin Wert sheds some light on the subject.

#### What kinds of services does Sunshine solar technologies provide?

Our specialty is solar pool heating systems - so panels usually mounted on the roof, but they can also go on the garage or on the ground, or we can build a rack. The water from the pool travels through the panels to heat, and then that heated water goes back into the pool. The key is: It doesn't cost anything to run, unlike a propane heater, which is very expensive to operate. Once the solar panels are in, it's free to run. And out east, for the most part, there's no natural gas - there's very little, so most people are using propane heaters. Either way, it's expensive to heat a 30- or 40-gallon pool. We do the solar panels, we do gas heaters, we do electric heaters.

#### What are some of the lesserknown benefits of solar pool heating?

A lot of people are calling us because it's free to run, but I think the bigger aspect of this is that because it's free to run, it'll be running every day. Most people only turn their propane heater on if their kids are having a birthday party or having some kind of family event, whereas with the solar panels, if it's a random Tuesday, the heater is running. If you come home at 5 o'clock after work and you want to go in the pool, you can. ... A solar panel has been heating it all day, but if you turn on your propane at that point, it's going to take like six hours to heat the pool. So it's running all of the time, and that's one unknown benefit, and as a result, you'll swim a lot of times when you would not have chosen to run your heater.

#### Is it safe to leave a solar pool heater running all the time?

It'll be running whenever your



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pump is running, basically. We are going to install a controller to the regulate the temperature, because it can get very hot if you just let it run in the hot summer. With the controller, you can set whatever temperature you want and it'll shut off at that temperature, but for the most part, during the day when your pump is running, it'll be sending water through the solar panels, unless it hits the temperature you want, then it shuts off. But there's no reason not to run it, because it's not costing anything.

# When is the best time for a prospective client to start a pool heating project with Sunshine Solar?

We do installs all year, but we're busiest during the busy pool months. In scenario one, clients know they want to install the heater and they've been planning for perhaps a year or two, so they call us in the spring—in February, March, April or May—so they can have it for Memorial Day to Labor Day. The other group of people, their heater breaks! They don't want to buy another gas heater, so then they call us and say, "Hey, I want to get these installed ASAP! My heater is broken." So it's a mix. And then you have people who are build-

ing a pool, and maybe it's not going to be done until October or whatever, and they want to install the heater in conjunction with the pool being built, so we're doing the install in October. We're doing installs all year, but people tend to fall into one of those three categories.

#### How has the solar heating technology that you're using evolved over the last couple of years?

The systems have gotten more efficient over time, and the way they're mounted to the roof has gotten better, but by and large the core principles are the same as they were 20, 30 or 40 years ago. ... With pool heating, these panels are super efficient. Right now, they're about 90% efficient during the summer months at transferring the sun's energy. Even the best electricity-generating panels are about 25% efficient, so there is room for those to get better, whereas the pool systems are already very efficient. It's not like two years from now, there's going to be some revolutionary panel and you're going to want that. These things are already really good now. We've been installing these systems for 19 years on Long Island, and our manufacturer has been making them for 45 years. So this has been around a long time, and it's been tested and proven.

# What does your clientele look like — who are the people installing solar pool heating systems?

I would say it's more of everyone. Keep in mind, if you own a house and you have a swimming pool, you're already going to be sort of upper middle class, but of that group we do the whole gamut. I installed for a billionaire in Southampton last year who had two properties right on the ocean, like one big compound, and we did his pool. His property manager told us they spent \$1,000 a week on propane for their pool, and that's why they had us install a system. But then, we'll do small houses in Nassau County, a 19- or 18-foot round above-ground pool or in-ground pool. It's a wide range of people, but most of our jobs are not multimillion-dollar houses, they're regular houses with a pool and the bills are expensive.

#### Is there anything else you'd like to add?

An average pool, if you're heating it with the gas heater, will use about the same energy, and let's say burn the same CO2 emissions, as driving a car for a year. ... (Switching to solar heating) is great for the environment, and Southampton has been trying to encourage this for many years.

It also extends the season, bringing in May and early June and September, when without a heater, pools are cold. ... But not every house is built for it, so if somebody's interested in it, they can call us or some other company to come take a look, but you want to first make sure you have a good set up for it — most houses do, but some don't. It's one of those things that a lot of people don't know much about, even people with pools. There are a lot of customers who don't even know that solar pool heating is an option.

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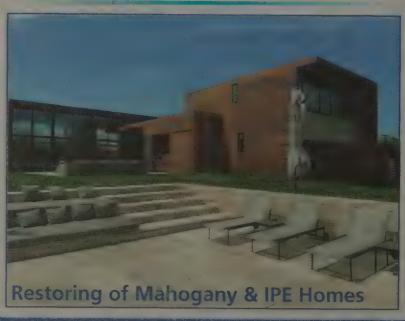
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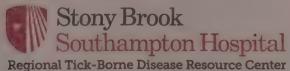
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# The Kitchen: Heart of the Home

BY ARLENE GROSS

I fyou're looking to add some pizzazz to the room that your family and guests spend the most time in, you'll want to redo the kitchen, the lifeblood of every home.

Start with a wish list and assess your needs, recommends Giovanni Naso, owner of the eponymous Bellport-based Giovanni Naso Interiors. Next, hire a designer who'll draw up floor plans and elevations so that you can visualize the space.

Some questions to consider: How much do you cook? Do you need spice drawers? Do you have lots of pots and pans and need rollout drawers? Do you boil a lot of water and need a waterspout over the stove? Is your style modern, traditional, or shabby chic?

#### **Open Floor Plan**

If your kitchen is closed off from other rooms, consider knocking down walls wherever possible, as an open floor plan is ideal for traffic flow and keeping family members together while entertaining, Naso advises.

"It also has proven to bring better resale value to your home, should you sell it," he adds.

#### Counters, Cabinets & Center sland

Counters in white or white with light grey veining are trending now, as are hues of grey and blue, notes Naso.

"Quartz takes the place of porous marbles or Carrara that stain and are not user friendly when it comes to serving red wine and leaving lemons on the counter," Naso says.

Cabinet colors should match or complement the counters; choose from flat panels for a modern look with wood veneer in high -shine or satin finish. For a more traditional look, go with Shaker style.

"If you have taller ceilings, having a taller cabinet displays elegance," Naso says. "If your ceilings are soaring, then it's nice to have a tall cabinet with some space above because soffits are dated."

Naso always encourages adding an island if the kitchen space can accommodate one.

"It allows for additional storage and doubles as a place to sit and serve," he says. "Three stools look great to the eye and if you have a smaller island, groups of three work best."

#### Floors and Lighting

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To light up the room, use a combination of recessed lights on the ceiling and pendant lights over the island or a chandelier for a more luxurious look,

Naso advises.

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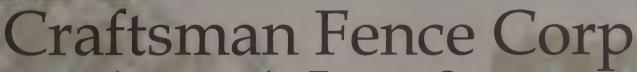
"The more modern kitchens we design have everything tucked away and hidden to provide a seamless cabinet facing so all disappears in a blink of an eye," Naso says.

Hardware is the jewelry of the room and should be chosen to add a finishing touch to cabinets, he adds.

"We choose elegant and understated combinations of pulls and handles that complement one another, usually matching them to the faucet and or dishwasher/refrigerator, if they don't have cabinet doors."

One more tip from Naso: For greater efficiency, store utensils in a two-level stacked drawer.

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# Bill Bratton, Former NYC Police Commissioner

BY TODD SHAPIRO

F ormer New York City Police Commissioner William "Bill" Bratton is one of the nation's foremost voices in law enforcement. Over a storied, near-five decade career in the police, Bratton was among the most visible leaders in the City of New York as well as nationally.

Bratton is the only person in American history to be named commissioner of two of the nation's largest police forces. He served twice as the commissioner of the New York Police Department, in 1994 through 1996 and 2014 through 2016, and also served as the commissioner of the Boston Police Department in 1993 and 1994. He also completed a stint as chief of police in the City of Los Angeles.

Bratton is perhaps the most influential law enforcement leader of the past century. Throughout his career, he has been credited with "reinventing" police work, implementing policies and utilizing technology that has aided law enforcement to curb crime and curtail violence in two of the nation's largest cities.

Bratton's first tenure at the post of commissioner of the NYPD oversaw a great recovery. Crime, which was at record-highs in the 1980s and early '90s, subsided beneath his leadership, revitalizing the five boroughs which led to a revitalization and renaissance that is largely still observed today.

In his second term as commissioner, he presided over 32 months of declining crime, which earned the city the title of "The Safest Big City in the United States." It was innovations and initiatives that begun beneath Commissioner Bratton that advanced counterterrorism capabilities of the department, reduced violent crime and murder to historic lows, and embraced technology — such as smartphones, tablets, and custom-made apps — to advance police work and set a national model.

Much to his credit, while police work has evolved over the past five decades, Bratton's perspectives and insight have only become more relevant.

"Since I first got into policing in 1970, my goals have changed over time. I wanted to have an impact on the police profession, and I think that I have had that. It has been a very rewarding career — both in the public sector and in the private sector," says Bratton.

Today, while serving in the private sector as the executive chairman of risk advisory for CEO consultancy Teneo, he also holds the position of chair of the Homeland Security Advisory Council, and has held the position in the last two presidential administrations, after being named vice chair beneath then-President Barack Obama.

Bratton's early life began in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston. He served in the Military Police Corps of the U.S. Army during the War in Vietnam. When he returned to Boston after the war, he was

"We sold our house in Quoque in sworn in as a Boston Police Officer. Within ten years, he was the youngest-ever Ex-2002 and have since relocated to ecutive Superintendent of the Boston a home in Hampton Bays. We became full-time residents While his career in the police has on the East End last year, brought him from Boston, to New York, like many people did, when and to Los Angeles, today, he now calls the New York City offices Long Island's East End home... nostalclosed. It really gave us gically, he notes, the Hamptons remind the opportunity to experihim of growing up in Massachusetts on ence the four seasons in the the beaches of another waterfront com-Hamptons, and there really munity: Cape Cod. is a great charm to this place "When I first visited the because of the beauty Hamptons in 1991 with of it," Commisa friend, Dr. Rich

COMMISSIONER BILL BRATTON

Winter, it reminded me of Cape Cod, and I recognized that there was a very special way of life here," he recalls the visit that led him to purchase his first East End home in Quogue, which he sold in 2002 after temporarily relocating to Los Angeles.

When contrasting Cape Cod and the Hamptons, he says the most noticeable difference is the geography.

"Cape Cod has bigger bluffs, whereas the Hamptons is very flat... other than the Shinnecock bluffs. I've always liked living near the water. I like the back-country roads of the Hamptons, and a lifestyle of moving around. So, on any given day we could be in four or five of the villages on the East End," Bratton continues.

Bratton, like many of us, has had a longtime affinity for the way of life of the East End, so, during the coronavirus pandemic, he and his wife – Rikki Klieman, a renowned legal analyst for CBS News and television personality – had the ability to move eastward in a more permanent fashion.

sioner Bratton adds.

Commissioner Bratton and Rikki enjoy their exposure to the East End and the Hamptons. He says it is like no place else in the world – the very same sentiments that many of our fellow East End residents share.

"My wife, like myself, absolutely loves it out here and there is nothing like watching the change of seasons with all those who live out here with me," he concludes.

Bratton's astounding life of service to New York City, and the nation, is worthy of the utmost of applause, and we are honored to have him as our neighbor, in our quaint East End oasis.

Bratton has recently published a memoir, titled *The Profession: A Memoir of Community, Race, and the Arc of Policing in America*, which he coauthored with Peter Knobler, which will be available wherever books are sold.

Todd Shapiro is an award-winning publicist and associate publisher of Dan's Papers.

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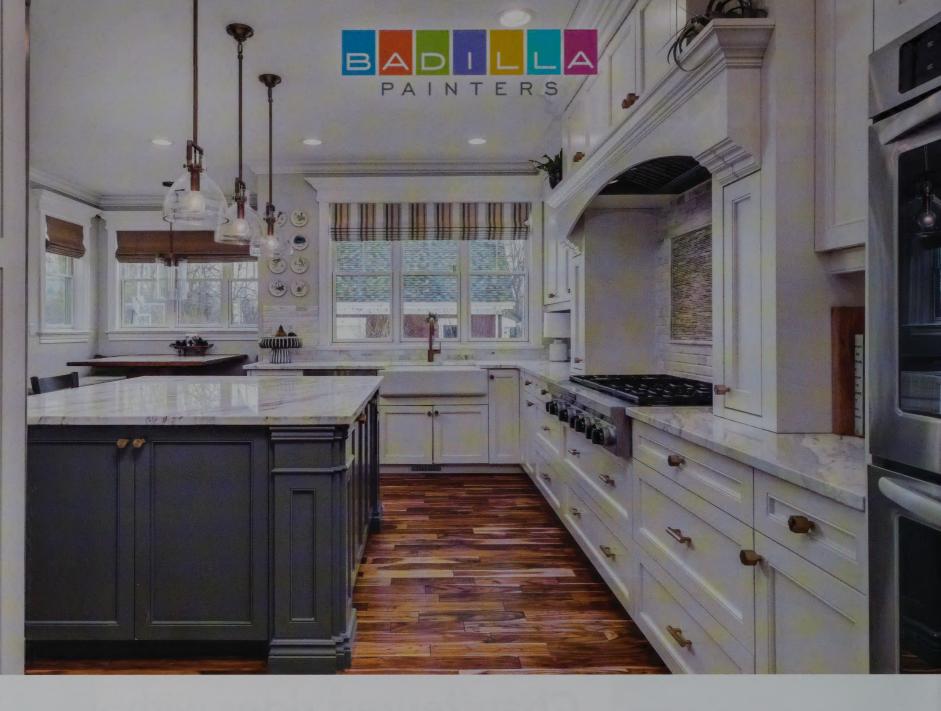
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